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26th Dec. 1904.	MONGOLIA	9500	.....	.....
2nd Jan.	ORIENTAL	5281	CHINA	5912
9th "	CALEDONIA	7535	.....	.....
16th "	PENINSULAR	5294	VICTORIA	6522
23rd "	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
30th "	ORIENTAL	5284	HIMALAYA	6898
6th Feb.	MALWONA	10500	.....	.....
13th "	PENINSULAR	5294	INDIA	7911
20th "	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....
27th "	ORIENTAL	5 84	MOLDAVIA	9777
6th Mar.	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
13th "	PENINSULAR	5294	ARCADIA	6903
19th "	MACEDONIA	10500	.....	.....
26th "	ORIENTAL	5284	AUSTRALIA	6901
2nd Apl.	CALEDONIA	7568	.....	.....
9th "	PENINSULAR	5294	OCEANA	6910
16th "	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
23rd "	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA	9500
30th "	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....
7th May	PENINSULAR	5291	CHINA	7912
14th "	MOLDAVIA	9777	.....	.....
21st "	ORIENTAL	5284	HIMALAYA	6898
28th "	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....

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NERA	6,876	Chevallier	31st Dec. 1903.
CALEDONIEN	4,218	Mirmantetti	28th Jan 1904.
DUMBEA	6,907	Schmitz	29th Feb. 1904.

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CIRCASSIA	Alex Haig	6,500	29th Feb.
OLYMPIA	F. Osborne, R.N.R.	5,124	8th Mar.
SCINDIA	S. Abrey	4,803	22nd Mar.
HIRITANNIA	T. Hinkin	3,069	4th Apr.
MASSILIA	J. Thompson	6,353	18th Apr.

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C.	HADDON HALL	6801	A. Buck	4th Jan.
C.	RYDAL HALL	6240	Foster Curtis	10th Jan.
A.	PEGMOS	6200	F. McKay	12th Jan.
A.	CITY of ATHENS	8000	J. Wilson	3rd Feb.
B.	MERTON HALL	6700	C. Prowse	10th Feb.
A.	CITY of BOMBAY	6910	F. Snow	4th Mar.
A.	CITY of OXFORD	6001	A. Findlay	10th Mar.
A.	CITY of VENICE	6200	W. Knaut	20th Mar.
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HIROSHIMA MARU	3283	J. Nagao	18th Jan.	29th Jan.
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Police Commissioner's Office, Bombay, 24th December, 1903.

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Sterling Reserve Fund .... £ [illegible]
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Furniture such as sofas, chairs, tables, teapoys, cupboards, almyra, chest-of-drawers, teak and glass screen cabinet, carpets, 4 Gladstone bags.
1 mahogany square piano by Soundy.
1 National typewriter.
1 bale 139 English woollen blankets and rugs.

AT 2 P.M.

Several ladies' and gent's bicycles by different makers.
1 light rubber-tyred victoria.
1 second hand vis-a-vis.
1 circular glass-fronted brougham.
1 light victoria with bay roan mare.
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction at Clare Road, Byculla, the furniture of the Adelphi Hotel, consisting of valuable teakwood and blackwood furniture, glassware, crockery, full size slate billiard table by George Edwards of London with balls, cues &c., vis-a-vis, Victoria, bay race mare, old buggy, 3 broughams, 1 dog cart, 1 wagonnette 1 shigram, marbletop, counter, large size glass cupboards pier glasses with pier tables lamp, picture &c.

The property is on view.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

By order of the Trustees to the Estate of Esa Haji Abubakar and Esa Haji Abubakar & Co., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by public Auction at Bank Street, Fort near the Bombay Bank, on WEDNESDAY the 30th instant 1 p.m. following fancy goods suitable for Christmas presents consisting of platedware in variety, tantalus frames, albumbs, dressing bags, electric fans, companions centre-peices, bronze figures and clocks, wall clocks, carriage time pieces, fancy glassware terracotta figures, phonograph feather fans etc.

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Bombay, 25th December, 1903.

BENNETT AND COMPANY, No. 27, APOLLO STREET.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 3 p.m. Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods etc.

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 handsome strong palanquin office shigram, in very good order.
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1 grey Arab, quiet in harness.
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AUCTION SALE OF WARANGAL CARPETS.

Under instructions from the Goods Superintendent G. I. P. Ry., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 26th instant at 3 p.m., sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, 13 large and small Warangal carpets. Warangal to Wari Bunder, invoice No. 27 of 2-1-03.

On account and risk of the first purchaser, R. Sulkman Esmail—
12 large and small Warangal carpets.
On account and risk of the first purchaser, A. K. Sharuf ally—
4 large and small carpets.

On WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at "Linden House," Apollo Bunder, the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood plain and carved household furniture, rich glass and crockeryware, best platedware, drawing-room sofas and chairs, almirahs and cabinets, one marble top dressing and wash hand tables, first-rate pictures and oleographs, rich flower vases and table ornaments, terra-cotta and parian busts, Hinks and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, brass and iron bedstead, rich carpets, China mattings, etc., etc., the property of F. RAPER, Esqr.

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Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

Suit No. 348 of 1899.

1. Keshrinath Gopinath, and
2. Radhabai, widow of Gopinath Raghunath, of Bombay, Hindu inhabitants, residing in house No. 12, in Dukerwady, outside the Fort of Bombay........ Plaintiffs.

vs.

1 Dheenath Sitanath,
2. Cruishnanath Sitanath, a minor under the age of 18 years by his guardian the said Dheenath, and
3. Hirabai, widow of Sitanath Gopinath, all of Bombay, Hindoo inhabitants, residing in house No situate at Kalbadevi Road outside the Fort of Bombay
4. Narayan Vishnu Gokhley, of Bombay, Hindu inhabitant residing at Dadysett's Agiary Lane, the executor of the last will and testament of Dr Vithal Vishnu Gokhley of Bombay Hindu inhabitant deceased and
5 Rao Bahadur Dhakji Casinath of Bombay Hindu inhabitant residing in a house on the Kalbadevi Road outside the Fort of Bombay, Defendants

Under instruction of Messrs. Khanderao Moroji and Datatraya Narayen Vaidya, the Special Commissioners appointed herein, and by virtue of an order made herein on the 23rd day of July, 1900, Messrs. BENNETT & Co., Auctioneers, will, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th proximo, at 4 p.m. sell by Public Auction the property, described below:—

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For further particulars and conditions of sale application should be made to Messrs. Captain and Vaidya, Attorneys, for the Plaintiffs, and the said Special Commissioners at their office, at No. 11 Hornby Road Fort, to the undersigned.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, DECEMBER 23.

SECURITIES—		
2½ per cent. Consols	£88 3-8	= — 1-16
3 do. Rentes	£97 3-4	= + 1-4
3½ do. Indian Sterling Loan	£103 1-2	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£65 5-16	= — 1-8
SILVER—		
Spot in London	25 3-4	= + 1-16
2 months hence	25 5-16	= + 1-8
Spot in New York	55 1-2	= + 1-8
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·3	= + 1-2
Berlin „	20·42	= + 1-4
New York Demand	481 1-8	= — 3-8
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	4 per ct	= unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	3 5-8 per ct	= — 1-8
6 „ „ „	3 1-2 per ct	= — 1-8
3 „ „ Fine Trade Bills	4 1-8 per ct	= unchanged
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	4 1-8 per ct	do
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	3 5-8 per ct	= + 1-8
7 day market loans	3 3-4 per ct	= + 1-4

RAPESEED—
Yellow Guzerat, D.-J. Sellers 35s. 3d = unchanged
Yellow Cawnpore D.-J. Sellers 35s. 9d. = + 3d. Tone quiet but steady.
Coffee in New York unchanged.

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester strong. Total Sales, 3,000. Spot 7·24 plus 18. Egyptian fair brown 8 13-16 plus 3-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 300. Imports 27,000. Arrivals closed steady.

Dec-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.Mar.	Mar.-April
Mutilated.	Mutilated.	7·05 +23	7·01 +21

April-May.	May-June.	June-July
7·03 +24	7·02 +21	7·00 +24

July.-Aug.	Aug.-Sep.
6·97 +21	6·81 +23

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	52,000
Do. last year	74,000
Exports to Great Britain	....
Do. do Continent	15,000
Mid-Uplands	13·60 + 30
Futures, month of Dec.	13·19 + 6
Do. do. March	13·47 + 2

In New Orleans—

Spot	13 1-3 + 1-8
Futures, month of March	13·65 — 3
Do. do. June	13·90 + 3
Tone at close	steady.

At the weekly bidding for Council Bills the following allotments were made.

Bills on Calcutta, Do. Bombay, Do. Madras — Mutilated at Rs. 14 3-32.

Minimum Rate Received 24 per cent.
Extra allotments on Madras Rs. 100,000 at 1s. 4 1-8d.
Total Amount of Bills sold during the week Rs. 70 30,000
Amount to be allotted next week Rs. 60,00,000

BOMBAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

THE week under review has been a short one owing to the Holidays, the Banks having closed on Wednesday evening until Monday next.

COTTON.

HOME MARKET.—During the past week there has again been a sharp rise in values in the Home Markets. It is reported that the advance is due to manipulations by speculators in America for the New York December account, but the rise has affected all deliveries. We give below our usual comparison of the New York Markets:—

	17 December.	23 December.
Mid Uplands	12·70	13·60 plus ·90
Futures Month of Dec.	12·53	13 19 „ ·66
„ „ March	20·79	13·47 „ ·68

LOCAL MARKET.—Our market during the interval has been somewhat irregular and the advance in prices is in no way proportionate to the rise at Home, in fact to-day's quotations are in one or two cases below those ruling when we last wrote. Khandesh is Rs. 4 higher, Khamgaum-Akola Rs. 5 to Rs. 6 and Damangaum-Poolgaum styles about the same, while Bengals show an advance of only Re. 1 to 2 and Broach is to-day lower than last week. There has been a fair amount of business doing by exporters and some lines of Mathia have been booked for February and March. Damangaum-Poolgaum for February and fine Broach for March and April. Dealers have also been covering previous sales, and a good bazaar business is reported.

In Ready Cotton there has been a good demand from Exporters and Mills, and some full rates have been paid for nice lots.

The following are the official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited.—

	Fine	F.-G	Gd.	Delivery
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)	233	223	...	25 Dec.
Bengal (M.-G.) (Ry. terms)	235	225	...	25 Dec.
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	235	225	...	25 Dec
Belati (M.-G.)	260	254	...	25 Dec.
Khandeish (M.-G.) descriptions	240	234		25 Dec.
Jalgaum do.	242	236		25 Dec.
Khamgaum do. / Akola do. (fair staple)	232	259	...	25 Dec.
Khandwa do.	258	252	...	25 Dec.
Damangaum Poolgaum (M G.)	265	259	...	25 Dec.
Nagpur (M.-G.)	267	261	...	25 Dec.
Oomras good staple (M.G.)	268	262	...	25 Dec.
Broach (M. G.)	282 / 279	...	263	25 March / 25 April
Bhownugger do.	259	249	...	25 May.
Do. (H.-G)	257	247	...	„
Mathia (M. G.)	243	233	...	25 March
S.O. Dharwar	...	...	255	25 May.
Westerns	...	...	245	„

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone, quiet but steady.
Estimated sales .... 4 000 bales
Imports 7,000

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar-Apl.
7 12	7·09	7·07 +2	7·05 +2

Apl-May	May-June	June-July
7·05 +2	7·04 +2	7 02 +2

July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
6 93 +2	6·83 +2

SEEDS.

LINSEED.—During the interval the markets has continued steady at Rs. 6-1 with a fair demand. At the close the price ruling is Rs. 6-1 steady.

RAPESEED.—There has been a steady enquiry during the past week for this article, and rates have been well maintained. We quote at the close in a steady market:

Brown Cawnpore	Rs.	5 10 to 5 11 per cwt.
Yellow „	„	5 15 to 6 0 „
„ Guzerat	„	5 15 to 6 0 „

POPPYSEED.—The market has been steady with only a small business doing at Rs. 6-5 per cwt., at which rate we close.

CASTORSEED has remained unaltered during the week with little doing, the price remaining at Rs. 21-8 for Madras.

GINGELLYSEED.—There has been a good demand during the interval and prices are, if anything, a trifle firmer. We quote in a firm market:—

Howree Khandeish	Rs.	33-8 per candy.
15 per cent. mixed	„	33 to 33 8
25 „ „	„	32 to 32 8
50 „ „	„	31 to 31 8
Black Kutnee	„	27 „

WHEAT.

The market has remained quiet but steady during the week and prices are unaltered as follows:—

Pissi 91 per cent.	Rs.	29-8 to 30 per candy
Club No. 1	„	29
Hard Red	„	22-8 to 23
White Delhi	„	4-4-6 per cwt.

Week's Receipts of Wheat and Seeds:—

Wheat	91 346 cwts
Linseed	19 171 „
Rape, Rai and Mustard Seed	13,778 „
Gingellyseed	167,907 „
Poppyseed	8 444 „
Groundnuts	2 468 „
Castorseed	18 427 „
Rice	71,253 „
Myrabolisms	40,408 „
Cottonseed	37,082 „

FREIGHTS.

The market during the past week has continued very dull with hardly any business doing. Rates were done for Hull at 11s. 6d. and Antwerp at 12s. For December rates are 12s. Antwerp-Dunkirk, 13s. Seeds, 13s. 6d. cotton for Havre, 12s. Hamburg.

LINERS.—The position is unchanged and rates are unaltered. The following fixtures are reported:—The s.s. Knight Commander chartered by the Austrian Lloyd's Company for Trieste-Venice at 13s. 6d. December-January loading. The s. s. Counsellor chartered by speculators for Marseilles-Liverpool at 13s. 3d. January loading.

EXCHANGE.

The market has been strong during the week under review with practically no change in quoted rates. The enquiry for Bank Paper was very limited and where sales had to be effected, 1s. 4 1-8d. was the only practicable rate for telegraphic transfers for large amounts for near delivery. For forward delivery buyers are asking the same price with very little business reported. On the other hand some lower lines of mercantile paper are said to have been placed at full rates up to the end of March.

The Presidency Banks of Bengal and Madras since last mail left have raised the official rates one per cent., to five per cent. per annum, bringing them on a level with our local rate which was raised last week. Money continues in strong demand and with the war cloud hanging over the Far East, combined with the present position of our Rupee currency stringent conditions may prevail in the near future. The latest Currency Reserve Statement shows that the total of notes issued amounts to 35 89 crores and the reserves held are as follows:—

	Crores
Silver coin	8·92
Gold coin	14·91
Silver held as security	1·40
Gold in transit to England	·75
Government Securities	10·00
	35·89

In certain eventualities it is quite possible that sterling exchange may rise above the gold point, which has been laid down according to the rules now in force, the maximum of which is 1s. 4 5-32d. per rupee.

MONEY.

The mail of the 11th December brings £120,000 silver and £50,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	30 80,000
Bombay	„	24 80,000
Madras	„	6 40 000
	Rs.	62,00,000

The mail of the 18th December brings £320,000 and £40,000 and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	40,20,000
Bombay	„	24,80,000
Madras	„	5,30,000
	Rs.	70,30,000

The mail of the 25th December brings £210,000 silver and £40,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta, Bombay, Madras — Mutilated in transmission

At the weekly bidding for Council Bills on Wednesday last, the 60 lakhs offered were allotted at 1s. 4 3-32d. tenderers receiving 24 per cent. of their applications. Extras to the extent of Rs. 10,000 were given at 1s 4 1-8d. The total amount sold during the week was 70·30, and the amounts to be allotted next week remains at 60 lakhs.

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	
Public Deposits	8 87,271	Increase.
Other Deposits	51 23,070	Decrease.
Sundries	57 570	Increase.
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	5,128	Decrease
Other Authorized Securities	15,403	Increase
Credits on Securities	3.90 392	Decrease
Loans, do.	7,00,502	Increase
Bills discounted & purchased	80,161	Increase.
Balance with other Banks	40,748	Increase.
Sundries	4,077	Increase
Cash	46,83,588	Decrease.

The Bank of Bengal Weekly Cash balance is 46 lakhs down and the Bank rate has been increased 1 per cent. and now stands at 5 per cent. per annum.

The Bank of Bombay Weekly Cash balance is as given in the above statement, and the Bank rate is unchanged at 5 per cent. per annum.

The Bank of Madras Cash balance is 10 3-4 lakhs down and the Bank rate has been raised 1 per cent. to 5 per cent. per annum.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

During the week the transactions in Government Paper have not been on a large scale; but the tendency has throughout been towards lower rates. On Friday evening the Market closed unsettled at 97 5-16, rose the following day to 97 3-8 buyers, and thereafter gradually fell until business was done at 97. To-day the feeling is better again and at the time of writing there are buyers in the Bazaar at 97 1-16. The unfavourable Political outlook in the Far East has doubtless contributed to the fall, but on the other hand the Presidency Banks' balances continue to be steadily reduced, and their rate for accommodation increased, so that speculators are finding it more difficult to carry large blocks of Paper. We believe that there is a considerable bear account open for this settlement, and as the probabilities are that operators will take their profits at the first settlement, there may be a slight upward movement before the 5th January, on which date the first settlement is due. The situation is chiefly governed by events in the Far East, but as Reuter to-day reports a rise of 1-4 per cent. in Consols it looks as though the London Market does not apprehend any danger from that quarter in the immediate future. There has not been much doing in 4 per cent. local Corporation Bonds and they stand practically unchanged. Quotations are as under:—

	Repayable.	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	1923	103
4 per cent „ „	1930	104
4 per cent „ „	1932	104
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	1921	103 3-4
4 per cent „ „	1943	103 3-4
5 per cent „ „	Tansa	119 1-2
5 per cent „ „	Sanitar	117 1-2
4½ per cent Bo. Improvmt Trust	1959	101
4 per cent „ „	1964	102

BULLION.

The Bombay Bar Silver Market has been rather unsettled during the week and quotations have varied considerably. Last week the rate for Spot Silver was called 64 1/4 ex-duty and fell on Saturday to 63 7/8. On Monday there was a more or less "panicky" feeling amongst the dealers and the rate was forced to 63 and probably lower. On Tuesday morning the position became more settled and the rate was called 63 1/2, and to-day the quotation has improved to 64 1/8 buyers for spot and 64 5/8 ex-duty for second settlement. There has been a small business in English Bar Gold at round about Rs. 24-0-3. Our usual quotations follow:

	Rs.	a	p.
English Bar Gold	24	0	0
Australian Bar Gold	23	15	0
Bombay do	23	14	0
English Shield Sovereigns	14	15	0
Do. Draco „	14	15	0
Silver ex-duty Ready	64	6	0
Do. 1st settlement	64	8	0
Do. 2nd do.	64	12	0

PIECE-GOODS.

THE MARKET.—There has been no special change to report this week. Prices practically remain the same and there is a moderate demand for goods generally.

YARNS.

The Market continues steady and prices remain unchanged. No business is reported to have been done.

METALS.

In COPPER and YELLOW METAL the market is steady, but there is very little business passing. IRON and STEEL are dull and declining with hardly anything doing. SPELTER and QUICKSILVER are quiet.

SHARES.

This market has experienced very few changes during the week as it was open for only three days. Bank of Bombay shares are quiet at Rs. 1,295, Commercials have changed hands at Rs. 48. In Railway Companies Tapti Valley are quiet at Rs. 42 1-2 and Ahmedabad Prantej at Rs. 30. In Mill shares Centrals are quiet at Rs. 1600, Swadeshis at Rs. 840, Davids have changed hands at Rs. 215, Chinas and Currimbhais are unchanged and quiet at Rs. 540 and Rs. 605 respectively. Jamsheds have declined to Rs. 82-1-2 Manockji Petits have ruled at and about Rs 2,340, Morarjis have advanced to Rs. 1,610. Solapurs are unchanged at Rs. 1,800. Coorla Mill shares have changed hands at Rs. 515, Kohinoors are quiet at Rs. 325 In Press shares Mofussils have changed hands at and about Rs. 510 ex-dividend. New Berars are unchanged at Rs. 510 and New Indian at Rs. 147½. Prince of Wales Press shares have changed hands at Rs. 425, Volkarts at Rs. 1,040. In Miscellaneous list Kemps are steady at Rs. 249 Treachers are unchanged at Rs. 585, Bombay Telephones at Rs. 23 3-4, Oriental Lifes are weak at Rs. 135 Badham Piles steady at Rs. 155, Bombay Burmahs are quiet at Rs. 6,875. Bombay Flours have changed hands at Rs. 945. The rest are unchanged and quiet.

The following is the statement of the Silver Balance in the Bombay Mint for the week ending 23rd December:—

		Rs.
Value of Silver held on account of straits Dollar coinage on the evening of the 16th December 1903		63,68,000
Value of Government Silver on do. do.		51,25,000
Total		1,14,93,000
	Rs.	
Add—Silver received during the week on account of straits Dollar coinage	.....	
Do. do. Government	33,63,000	33,63,000
		1,48,56,000
Deduct—Dollars packed for export of the value of	18,15,000	
Petty items issued for miscellaneous purposes	.....	
New Coin paid to the Sirohi State	2,32,000	
Do. Currency Department	32,00,000	
Do. Reserve Treasury	6,00,000	
		58,47,000
Balance on evening of the 23rd Dec. 1903		90,09,000

The Balance comprises—	Rs.
Silver held on account of the tenders	45,53,000
Do do Government	41,56,000
	90,09,000

There is in addition awaiting Assay—	Rs.
Bullion received for Straits Dollar coinage	25,42,000
Bullion belonging to Government	24,00,000
	49,42,000

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 23.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	quiet.
Surats	quiet.
Good Bhownugger	5 15-32
The Manchester Market has been	strong.
2 1-2 per cent Consols	88 3-8
3 per cent Rentes	97 3-4
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	103 1-2
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	65 5-16
Bar Silver	25 3-4

"SINCERE FRIENDS OF FRANCE."

THE BRITISH M. P.s IN PARIS.

The British members of Parliament, who were for the most part accompanied by their wives and daughters, were on November 27, present at a reception given in their honour by the Paris Chamber of Commerce at its building in the Place de la Bourse where they again met with a most cordial reception. After being shown over the building and its various departments, the visitors assembled in the great hall, where the President of the Chamber delivered an address.

Speaking at the banquet at the Grand Hotel the other evening, Sir William Houldsworth said that the exchange of visits marked an epoch in the progress and development of Parliamentary institutions. Of this the recently-concluded arbitration treaty was a proof. Referring to President Loubet, Sir William Houldsworth said that he honoured him for the friendship he had shown towards England. The speaker declared that the hearty reception accorded to the King of England in Paris would never be forgotten by the British nation. The President's visit to England had set the seal upon the entente cordiale. On resuming his seat Sir William Houldsworth was loudly applauded, the band playing the English National Anthem.

Lord Brassey, who spoke in French, said: "We are the sincerest friends of France. We admire France in commerce, in literature, in science—in fact, every thing which man can do. France is the nation of the lofty maxims of liberty, equality, and fraternity. We under a different constitution, are here to uphold the same principles in our international relations. All misunderstandings and accusations are over between us. We wish to go about the right way to substitute arbitration for the Empire of force—in a word, to cement the mutual esteem and friendship which have already given birth to the entente cordiale. The President of the Republic is according to us to-day the same welcome which England offered to him. With the same sincere sentiments as those which unite the two countries, in my own name and in that of my countrymen, I beg to express our thanks to M Loubet."

Lord Brassey's speech was continually interrupted by loud applause. Lord Brassey was followed by M. Berthelot, after whom M. Deschamel spoke. He said that the exchange of visits between Paris and London constituted a new feature in history. Such demonstrations in the interest of peace, the speaker declared, were the necessary antidote to the intemperance policy which excited peoples to mutual distrust, contempt, and perpetual enmity.

M. Deschamel added that he was convinced that France and England would be united, and that more closely every day, for reasons more cogent than the inclination of men and the co-operation of Governments. In conclusion, M. Deschamel said that France and Great Britain were the apostles of the most chivalrous causes and the champions of the most noble ideas.—Reuter.

Paris, Sunday.—Friday's programme included a visit to the Palace of Versailles, a reception by the British Chamber of Commerce, and a "soiree gala" at the Automobile Club. Versailles was reached shortly after twelve o'clock, and lunch was served in one of the galleries. In the Galerie des Graces the visitors were treated to M. d'Estournelles de Constant's surprise. It was the dancing of a minuet by the three sisters Mante, the celebrated dancers of the Paris Opera who executed the dance in the costume of the time of Louis XVI., to the accompaniment of a string orchestra. Their graceful dancing was much applauded.

In its handsome premises in the Place de la Concorde, the Automobile Club of France received its guests. The soiree proved an immense success. The visitors had yet another opportunity of appreciating French musical and dramatic art. This portion of the entertainment was provided by the leading members of the Theatre Francais, the Opera, and the Opera Comique. It was midnight before the proceedings came to a conclusion, and the English visitors were able to return to their hotel after a fatiguing but most enjoyable day.

To-day the visitors had a comparatively quiet day. At four o'clock a special service was held in the Embassy Church in the Rue d' Agnesseau, and afterwards a reception was held at the British Embassy. The reception at the Embassy was a very briliant affair. A large number of deputies and senators were present. After the reception an informal meeting was held in the Salle Room of the Hotel Continental, when Sir William Houldsworth moved and Lord Brassey seconded a vote of thanks to M. D'Estournelles de Constant, which was passed with enthusiasm.

Many of the British Parliamentary visitors subsequently visited the provinces, where they are receiving as cordial a welcome as they had in Paris.

CRIMINALS TO BE "RADIOGRAPHED."

The Parisian police are going to make use of the Rontgen rays for the identification of criminals. Some 10,000 photographic plates of cases of fractured bones, abnormal formations, etc., have been collected, chiefly from the hospitals. These plates are accordingly being classified after the method invented by M. Bertillon for identification by finger-marks and measurements of the body. It is proposed that in future all convicted persons shall be radiographed as they are now "anthropometrised."

BOMBAY RIFLE CLUB.

THE 7th and 8th Silver Spoon Competitions of the Season took place at Ghatcooper on Thursday morning, the 24th Instant. Lce Copl. Lillywhite, G. I. P. Ry. Vols, heads the list at both distances having made a possible at 200 Yards. He was closely followed by Sergt-Major Downing, Bo. Vol. Rifles. The next shoot will take place on Saturday, the 2nd January 1904. The following are the scores:—

	Score 200 yds.
Lce Corpl Lillywhite, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	35a
Sergt Major Downing, Bombay Vol Rifles	34b
Lce Corpl Alcock, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	32c
Lieut Edwards, 2nd G I P Ry Volrs	30
Sergt-Major Harrison, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	30
Vol Sharpe 1st G I P Ry Volrs	29
Cr Sergt Fry 1st G I P Ry Volrs	28
Gunner Walters Bombay Vol Arty	27
Corpl Powell, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	27
Bombr Scott, Bombay Vol Arty	25
Vol Paterson 1st G I P Ry Volrs	24
Sergt-Instr Briffitt Bombay Vol Rifles	23
Vol Samuel, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	21
Lce Corpl Good, Bombay Vol Rifles	20

a Handicapped 2 Points winner of 1st Spoon and Bombay Rifle Club Silver Medal for highest possible score.
b Handicapped 4 Points winner of 2nd Spoon.
c Handicapped 2 Points winner of 2nd Spoon.

	Score 300 yds.
Lce Corpl Lillywhite, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	29a
Sert Major Downing, Bombay Vol Rifles	29b
Lieut Edwards, 2nd G I P Ry Volrs	29c
Corpl Powell, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	28a
Sergt Major Harrison, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	28d
Vol Samuels, 1st G I P Ry Vols	26
Lce Corpl Alcock, 1st G 2 P Ry Vols	26
Gunner Walters, Bombay Vol Arty	25
Cr Sergt Fry, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	24
Lce Corpl Good, Bombay Vol Rifles	24
Sergt Instr Briffitt, Bombay Vol Rifles	24
Bombr Scott, Bombay Vol Arty	23
Vol Sharpe, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	21
Vol Paterson, 1st G I P Ry Volrs	20

a Handicapped 4 Points.
b Handicapped 6 Points.
c Winner of 1st Spoon.
d Winner of 2nd Spoon.

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

CRAWFORD—December 10, at Darjeeling, the wife of Malcolm Macl an Crawford at Shikarpore, of a son.
FERGUSON—December 19, at 6 1, Wood St, Calcutta, the wife of G A Ferguson, of a son.
KAYE—December 21, at Allahabad, the wife of G R Kaye, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

MANUK—MANUK—At Colombo, by special license, John Malcolm Gregory, to Violet Jessie, widow of the late J T Manuk and eldest daughter of the late Colonel W J Hicks 4th Goorkha Rifles.

DEATH.

DYER—December 13, at Court Royal Dehra Doon, of failure of the heart, John Dyer Barrister-at-law.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 30m. Sun sets, 5h 29m. High water, 2-52m. 3-7a. Low water, 9-18m., 8-45e.
Banks closed: Christmas Day.
P. and O. s. s. Caledonia, with English mails of 11th inst., due to arrive at 6 a.m.
Novelty Theatre, Mr. M. B. Leavitt's Variety Company, 8 p.m.
Indian Circus, Esplanade, afternoon and 9 p.m.
Cricket, Aligarh College vs. Parsees.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 30m. Sun sets 5h. 30m. High water, 3-26m. 4-0a. Low water, 10-3m. 9-29a.
Banks closed: Christmas Holidays.
Rev. H. McNeile's Lecture on the Theology of the Avesta and the Bible, C. M. S. Lecture Hall, Grant Road, 6 p. m.
Novelty Theatre, Mr. M. B. Leavitt's Variety Company, 9 30 p. m.
Indian Circus, Esplanade, 9 p m.
Cricket, Aligarh College vs. Parsees.

SUNDAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 31m. Sun sets, 5h. 30m. High water 4-6m. 5-4a. Low water, 11-4m. 10-29a.

UNDER-SELLING CHARAS.—At the Mazagon Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. W S. Dracup, Inspector Nariman of the Abkari Department, charged Bhagsett Balsett and Devchund Devji, both Hindus with under-selling charas. The Magistrate fined the first accused Rs. 25 and the second Rs. 30.

MESSRS. T. K. MADURANAYAGAM PILLAY AND CO.—The well-known cigar manufacturers of Trichinopoly have sent us a sample box of their special brand of cigars, "Laburnams," which for excellency of flavour and bouquet it would be difficult to surpass. By lovers of pure Trichinopoly cigars they are bound to be appreciated, for not only do they draw freely and burn well, but they are of a size and shape most popular with smokers. This particular brand of cigars should become a favourite with cigar connoisseurs and we anticipate a large sale for it.

THEFT BY A SERVANT.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Karsondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Morris charged Narayen Anaji, a servant of Shamshudin Mulla Abdultayeb, the proprietor of the Shamsher Printing Press, with the theft of a numbering machine, valued at Rs 60. It appeared that the accused had stolen the machine about three months ago. On Wednesday another servant of the complainant saw the machine with the accused and informed his master. The accused when questioned by his master produced the machine. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to six weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

MORE'S INDIAN CIRCUS.—An excellent programme has been presented to crowded audiences during the past few days at the Indian Circus on the Maidan. The entertainment now offered by Professor More's Circus is undoubtedly the best of its kind and they are therefore well deserving of a hearty welcome and warm patronage. Next week there will be a change of programme and many new items will be introduced by the Company. Yesterday afternoon there was a family matinee. The entertainment provided is of just the character to please the young folks and parents who like to see their children enjoying themselves cannot do better than let them attend the circus. The matinees will be repeated every Wednesday and Saturday at 4 p.m.

NOTES FROM BHOWNAGAR.—Our Bhownagar correspondent, writing on Tuesday, says:—We have experienced intense cold for the past few days.—A daring robbery took place at Dhola, at 2 o'clock, this morning when the mother and wife of the Postmaster were carried into a field close by and robbed of their ornaments. Afterwards the thieves left the women. The victims gave an alarm when a policeman gave chase but he was knocked down by the robbers who attacked him with sticks. The services of a Pagi were employed at daybreak, and he traced the footsteps to a village called Haramtala, where the budmashes were arrested with the stolen property. They are eight in number. Two of the budmashes have on their arms marks of bites given by the women in their struggles.

FATAL ACCIDENTS IN BOMBAY.—Mariambi, a Mahomedan woman, aged thirty-five years, was on Thursday evening crossing Erskine Road, when she was accidentally knocked down and run over by a passing carriage. The wheel of the carriage passed over her chest, causing serious internal injuries, which resulted in her death shortly afterwards.—Maroti Abba, a painter, was standing on a scaffolding on the outside of the second floor of a bungalow in Love Lane, Byculla, when his foot slipped and he fell to the ground from a height of about twenty-five feet. He received a fracture of the skull. He was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where he died shortly after admission.

PECUNIARY DIFFICULTIES AND SUICIDE.—At the J. J. Hospital, yesterday, Mr. P. Byrne Coroner for Bombay, conducted an inquest relative to the death of Luximon Bhagoo, a Hindu, aged twenty-five years. The deceased was a coal-labourer and lived at Oomercarry. For the last several months he had been lazy, not working regularly and was in embarrassed circumstances. He had been boarding with his cousin Baboo, at Jacob Circle, for the past two months. About a week ago Baboo went to deceased's house to demand money for the food supplied to him. On seeing Baboo coming, the deceased hid himself in the loft. After Baboo had left, the deceased tried to raise the necessary amount but failed. On Thursday afternoon he was found lying unconscious in his room and on being removed to the J.J.Hospital, it was ascertained that he had been suffering from opium-poisoning. He died in the hospital the same evening. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

SAVAGE TREATMENT OF A WIFE.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. P. H Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate disposed of a case in which Sadashiv Narayen, an Inspector in the Bombay Tramway Company, was charged by Inspector Wheatley with wrongfully restraining his wife Peeti, a girl, and causing her hurt by means of a cane. Mr. Hugh Sealy, pleader, defended the accused. The evidence showed that the accused was married to the complainant about a year ago and they lived at Oomercarry. About two months ago the girl desired to go to her native country with her maternal uncle. The accused would not let her go and in order to prevent her from leaving the house he chained her and struck her also. On the 11th instant, the police in consequence of certain information received, proceeded to the accused's house, where they found the girl lying in a corner of the house with her left hand and left foot chained and clad in rags. There were marks of violence on the body. The accused admitted having chained the girl and also having struck her with a cane. He thought she was possessed of a devil and he caned her in order to expel the evil spirit out of her body. He chained her because she wanted to throw herself out of a window. He however promised to send her to her relatives in the native town and to allow her Rs. 5 per month as separate maintenance until she would return to him of her own free-will and accord. The Magistrate held that the violence and restraint had been used to prevent the girl from going away to her native country. However considering the promise he had given to send her to her native town and to provide for her separate maintenance, his Worship sentenced him to a day's simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 50. The whole amount of the fine was ordered to be paid to the girl as compensation and for expenses of journey to her native country.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths. from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	1	4
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	4	5	20
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	2	2	13
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	2	1	11
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Nagpada	2	2	16
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	0	5
G Mahim and Worli	1	1	6
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	10
Total	11	12	90
Total plague deaths to date	163,888	215,899	
Same date last year	22	19	112

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth! Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

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A CHRISTMAS WEEK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I am a vendor in Bombay and have a charming little shop in one of the principal streets of the Fort. I sell everything, and specially at this time of the year I replenish my stock with articles suitable for Christmas presents. I cater for the public in such a way that I am well-known and do a great trade among all classes of people. At times my shop is full—very full—so full that it makes me feel uncomfortable at the thought of letting my things go without receiving their value in full. I like a quiet day—a day on which I can sit at my office table and take notes of visitors as they enter my shop. For this purpose I kept a diary last Christmas and this diary has been worrying me. It always comes in front of me, whether at the instance of my hamal or not I do not know, yet it seems to tell me why I do not give out its contents to a genial editor. Until I do so, I fear, I will have no peace of mind, so with your kind permission I will tell you how some people in this city do their shopping during Christmas week. My first customer was a lady, neatly dressed, accompanied by a little child. She wanted a doll, a speaking doll, elegantly dressed, with movable joints. She was shown many, but could not make up her mind to take any. They were expensive. She wanted a cheap article. An excellent article at a cheap price. She looked at every doll in the shop, and after engaging my assistant for fully an hour, the little child had to go out without her doll. Then I had a couple of young men, dark-looking, well dressed fellows. They spoke in an aristocratic tone. They had recently arrived from the coast of Goa via Panjim. They dashed into the shop, examined everything and spent two annas each. I subsequently learnt that these two distinguished people were ex-cooks from a local club. I was particularly amused by a couple of young folks. They walked in carefully for fear of treading on each other's toes, had a good look round the shop to see whether there were other visitors about and finding none, felt relieved. They nestled up together at a shelf examining various articles, I could see the delighted way he nudged her and from the movement of his lips I imagined that everything he said was accompanied by the word "darling." "Do darling let me buy you this plush work basket," "do darling let me get you that lovely photo frame," "do darling have this," "do darling have that," and so on. "Darling" did have many things and "darling's" man went away pleased. He was pleased. That was a case of genuine affection, but how different from what I have next in my diary. A couple—lady and gentleman—very fond of each other, entered the shop. They were not engaged or unmarried people, they were both married, the gentleman's wife was in England and the lady's husband at work. They were out-shopping, buying Christmas gifts for each other; the lady an inexpensive article, the gentleman an expensive one. I might have noticed various things about this couple, but I was interrupted by a big Bunia who was anxious to get up a Christmas hamper. He knew all about the way these hampers were made up and yet he knew nothing, but what I do know is that the gentleman who usually feeds on butter and vegetables went away carrying with him all the rubbish I could possibly let him have. Mrs. Shirinbai walks in gently, buys whatever she wants, and walks away. Mr. Comfortawalla proves troublesome, he wants credit. Mr. Jones Andrew Fernandez is anxious to buy his girl something elaborate; he wants an article painted with all the colours of the rainbow. Following him comes a little miss, aged sixteen, with a Grecian head, trying to look very sweet. She proves a good customer and after several contortions of the body walks out gracefully.

I fear I am worrying you unnecessarily with all these details, and there are so many more in my diary that I really do not know what to do. Perhaps I had better delete a number of them. Anyhow December 24 was a busy day. My diary shows:—

Item 1. Lady enters, carrying a purse which contained a handkerchief and a smelling bottle—no money.
Item 2. Lady pompously walks about, admiring everything and buys nothing.
Item 3. Gentleman with a lady wants credit. [illegible]
Item 4. Gentleman on his own acc[illegible] see the ladies only.
Item 5. Gentleman nicely dressed [illegible] lady, who returns the compliment.
Item 6. Rodrigues James Jones [illegible] Blackwood Peters is walking abo[illegible] money in his pockets, but spends none[illegible]
Item 7. Two young ladies are trying [illegible] attention of two young men—they suc[illegible]
Item 8. Speedy exit of a gentleman [illegible] man's wife, owing to the sudden appearance of the husband.
Item 9. Frivolous display by a couple of flirts.
Item 10. A gentleman with plenty of "Jockey Club" on his handkerchief is thinking that he is admired by people who take no notice of him.
Item 11. A dancing lady, actually dancing into the shop like a flippotty-floffotty creature and engages herself with my assistant, nudging him all the time.
Item 12. Half-a-dozen young men waiting for their sweethearts who never turned up. They prove a nuisance.
Item 13. Two young ladies trying to outdo each other.
Item 14. Exit of an indignant young man who came shopping but met his young lady in another man's company.
Item 15. Scene between extravagant husband and parsimonious wife.
Item 16. Scene between a boisterous wife and subdued husband.
Item 17. Unexpected meeting of husband and wife, both of whom were out separately.
Item 18. Gentleman inquires the best present to buy his better-half, so as to get an evening off.
Item 19. Sorrowful look on lady's face, because she is compelled to buy her husband a present.
Item 20. A gathering of charming little children at the fish pond who really enjoy themselves and pay for articles purchased.

Oh! I am getting worried over this diary of mine. I wish it was out of the way. It is getting a nuisance. It reminds me of what I still have to go through during this and next week. I'll settle it. There! It has gone into the fire and I'll never see it again. No! Never! Never! Never! I feel at peace now, so will conclude by wishing your readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—Yours, &c.,

X. Y. Z.

GOLF.

FORTY-TWA MEDAL.

The following are the scores in the 3rd competition for this medal, held by "bogey" play:—

	Handicap.	Scores.
A. G. Watson	—6	3 up winner.
H. S. Jacob	—1	2 down
B. H. Duxbury	—3	2 down
H. St. G. Scott	—5	2 down
B. Dodds	—7	2 down
Osborne Marshall	+2	3 down
C. H. Roberts	—2	3 down
C. R. C. Sandys	—3	3 down
R. H. M. Steven	—4	3 down
H. C. Cargill	—4	3 down
P. W. Cresswell	—4	3 down
W. L. Shaw	—7	3 down
M. Innes Ker	—3	4 down
V. H. Bromley	—5	4 down
B. Holyoak	—6	4 down
J. C. Kiddle	—5	5 down
D. Revie	—7	5 down

24 players entered and the others made no returns.

ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE raising of the limit of weight in the case of small newspapers, from four to six tolas, for a postal charge of a quarter anna is intended solely to benefit the Native Press. The flimsy news-sheets which are sold at a pice often exceed the present four-tola limit and the proprietors have long demanded some concession in weight. They would have liked to have obtained a ten-tola scale, but obviously this would have been impossible to grant, considering that a quarter-anna is the equivalent of a farthing. We do not regard the change as an unmixed blessing for there are unhappily no signs of improvement in the Vernacular Press, except on the Bombay side. But as Western education continues to spread, we may hope that a higher tone will obtain, especially in Bengal, where the Native newspapers have won a notoriety that is not very enviable. While on this subject, we would once more direct the attention of Government to a certain class of advertisements which disfigure the columns of nearly every Native journal whether published in English or the vernacular. Decency forbids any quotation, but a reference to almost any journal will show how great the evil of advertising quack medicines has become. It should be remembered that school-boys and College students read the newspapers with avidity, and their moral tone must be affected by the garbage in the advertising columns. It is an old story, but the mischief seems to be on the increase instead of lessening. If instead of blundering along with Official Secrets Acts, Lord Curzon's Government were to take up the censorship of advertisements relating to certain medicines, aphrodisiacs, etc., they might be braving unpopularity for some useful purpose. There is a Bill now before the Viceroy's Legislative Council to check the sale of drugs that are poisonous to the body, but not an effort is made to check the poisoning of the mind of the rising generation in India. Perhaps the National Congress will take up the subject during that portion of its time that it consecrates to questions of social reform. But the matter would be a delicate one, for some of the worst offenders are shining lights in its ranks, in Bengal more particularly.—"Pioneer."

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON THURSDAY, THE 24TH DECEMBER.

SUMMARY.

Pressure.—The barometer has fallen briskly at Jacobabad owing apparently to the approach of a depression from Baluchistan. Elsewhere it is normal.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been fresh to light.

Temperature.—The variations of both the maximum and minimum are small. The maximum varied from 90° at Veraval to 71° at Lahore and the minimum from 32° at Sirsa to 70° at Negapatam.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is partially clouded at Negapatam, Ratnagiri, Aurangabad, Ahmednagar, Poona, Bombay, Malegaon and Akola.

Rain.—Nil.

Weather.—The abnormal chart indicates that the weather in Sind is unsettled and will become more or less cloudy. Temperature will probably fall.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

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GREY WORSTED COATINGS	3 8	5 0	do
HOMESPUNS	1 12	2 4	do
SERGES—Indigo Blue, fast Khaki and all other colors	2 6	4 8	do
GREATCOATINGS	2 8	5 0	do

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TUSSAR LUSTRE SERGES 27" wide	at	1 8	do
PUTTIES in Khaki, Blue & Green, in all sizes	From	1 2	per pair
NUMDAHS,—for Ladies		5 0	each
For Gents		4 8	do
HORSE CLOTHING,—Quarter piece only	6 8	12 0	
Complete suit	11 12	22 12	
SERVANTS' CLOTHING MATERIALS	2 6		per yard
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THE B I S N Co's steamer Dwarka, 759 tons, Captain D L Neilson, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers. Lieuts Golding-ham and Moone, Mr and Mrs Horne, Mr A Jafferying, and six friends, Mr and Mrs Brice and 195 deck. She will sail to-day for the same ports, with a general cargo and passengers.

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H M S Redbreast ... ...Royal Navy
Torpedo Boat No. 100 ... ...
Do No 102 ... ...
Do No 103 ... ...

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—Dec. 24.

Name of Vessel. Ton. Capt. Destination Date. Agents.
Deutschland bq ... 763 Nesoda ...The Captain
Ranee ...3834 Curran ...T M & Co
Fazul Karim ...676 Nacoda ...G Muthwani
Nankin ...2897 Roberts ...P & O Co
Pattana ...4084 Lemarchand ...M M & Co
Culna ...1431 Maclean ...M M & Co
India ...7911 Plommer ...M M & Co
Banca ...3794 Ferguson ...P & O Co
Imaum ...2794 Penterthy ...K Nixon & Co
Kt Commander ...2716 Durant ...T M & Co
Akbar ...Baldwin ...H C Joosub
Hydra ...3625 Smith...
Oriental ...3085 Spicer ...P & O Co
Terrier ...1008 Bruner ...F F C & Co
King Arthur ...1047 Banel ...B & P S N Co
Kapurthala ...720 Bamber ...M M & Co
Avala ...5336 Hume ...T M & Co
John Pender ...1104 Green ...Eastern T Co
Juba ...134 Wilson...East Africa Despatch steamer
N Kilburn ...2111 Le Templier...Fleetwood...1-1-03Mr Willis
Huzara ...1536 Trouson ...M M & Co
Plassey ...Haughton ...Southampton Transport

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed. Vessel. Ton. Capt. Destination. Date. Agents.
A Koordistan...1729 Crouch...Man'ter...30-12W & A G'm&Co
B Neldenfels...3500 Litt re...Karachi ...31-12Glade & Co
F Clan Fraser...2285 Dall ...Madras...25-12 F Muir & Co
H Florida ...2236 Hansen...M'borough...K Nixon & Co
K Valotta...2790 Peel ...Jeddah...5 1-04 K Nixon & Co
O Camberwell...2529 Baines ..Antwerp...2-1-04 M M & Co
P T Willis...2881 Mayerhof...Amsterdam...24-12 F M & Co
Q Secunder ...1073 Brebner...Mauritius ...26-12 H S Sidick

Alongside

L Puri ...287 Raffin ...Goa ...N F..H Ahmed

Dock Gate

Mahanadi ...547 Hoosein ...Manglore ...25-12Shpd & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Ponani ...653 Mohamed...Bhaunagar 26-12 Shepherd & Co
Courland ...760 Ebrahim...Gulf Ports ..21-12 Shepherd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed. Vessel. Ton. Capt. Destination Date. Agent.
1 Marsa ...4451 Adams ...Hull...2-1-04...K N & Co
2 Britannia ...1970 Blaikie...L'pool ...24-12 W & A G & Co
3 Baron Innerdale...214 Blair ...Havre...6-1-04 F Muir & Co
4 Ula ...3436 Stone ...Antwerp ...4-1-04 M M & Co
5 Chusan ...2852 Palmer ...China ...13-1-04 P & O Co
6 City of Venice...2229 Knaut...Karachi...26- 2K Nixon&Co
7 Imperatrix ...585 Ghezzo ...Trieste ...1-1- 4 A L S N Co
9 Malta ...3980 Daniel ...China...30-12 P & O Co
10&11 Kt of the Garter...4291 Billett...L'pool...4-1-04 K N & Co
12 Lindula ...2199 Plummer...Zanzibar...29-12 M M & Co
15 Bombay Maru...3398 Murat...Japan ...31- 2 N Y Ka'sha
16 Idzumi Maru ..2301 Landey..Japan...30-12 N Y Kaishe

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
24	R I M S Clive ...	Beauchamp..	Calcutta, 15
	Dwarka s ...	Neilson ...	Karachi, Deesa

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
24	Britannia s...	Blaikie ...	Liverpool, &c.
	Clan Fraser s ...	Dall ...	Cochin
	Nippon s...	Klausberger..	Trieste via Karachi
	Africa s ...	Bamber ...	Persian Gulf
	Mohammadi s ...	Jalley ...	Jeddah
25	Dwarka s ...	Neilson ...	Karachi

The following vessels obtained their port clearance yesterday—
Steamer Vadala, Skinner, for Calcutta
" Shirley, Satchell, for Calcutta

The steamer Kapurthala, for Persian Gulf, began to load yesterday.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, DEC. 23.

The B I S N Co's steamer Mombassa, left this morning.

ADEN, DEC. 24.

The P and O Company's steamer Peninsular with the homeward Mails of the 18th instant arrived here at 7 a.m. on Thursday 24th December.
The P and O Co's Peninsular, with the homeward Mails of the 19th December arrived here at 7 a.m.

SUEZ, DEC. 24.

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Bombay, 25th December.

There will be no Class Firing or Practice at Santa Cruz to-morrow Saturdays the 26th, or on Saturday the 2nd January 1904.

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F. A. REDDIE, Lieut.,
Acting Adjutant, B. L. H.

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Bombay, 25th December.

1. The following members having joined are taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to F Company:—
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No 5218 Vol L A McClumpha and No 5183 Vol R J V Higgins.

By Order,
P. H. RODGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

DIVINE SERVICE.

I SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral—Eyre in E flat.
Hymns—59, 62, 319 and 447.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon,
Hymns—60, 165 and 293.
Collections for Sunday Schools.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Parade Service.
Offertories during the day for Choir and Sunday Schools.

St Stephen's day Dec. 26.
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion.
7-30 p.m.—Matins.
Sunday after Xmas Dec. 27.
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Parade Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Offertories during the day for Church expenses.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
4-30 a.m.—Service for the Young.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, and Sermon.
Collections for the Church Expenses and Poor.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—165, 493 and 182.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—165, 69, 58 and 63.
Offertories for Church expenses.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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11 a.m.—United Service in St Andrews Church.
Collection for the Poor.

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(Colaba Causeway.)

8 a.m.—Parade Service. Preacher Rev C. Ryder-Smith.
6 p.m.—Evening Service. Preacher Rev. C. Ryder-Smith.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8-30 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.)
9-30 a.m.—Preacher.—Rev. C. Ryder-Smith
6 p.m.—Preacher—Rev Rev. C. Ryder-Smith.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.
(Madras Time.)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist,
8-30 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
Hymns—59, 68, 62 and 60.
5-00 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-3 p.m.—Evensong, and Choral.
Hymns—59, 595 and 551.
Anthem—"Let us now go into Bethlehem."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
(Church of Scotland.)
Christmas Day.

11 a.m.—Morning Service.
Psalm—100 Tune 20.
Hymn—28.
Hymn—27.
Anthem "O Praise the Lord."
Sunday 27th Dec.
11 a.m.—Morning Service.
1-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.
Psalm—91 Tune 121.
Hymn—298.
Hymn—243 Tune 8st.
Hymn—436 Tune 3od.

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The Bombay Gazette
FRIDAY, DEC. 25, 1903.

WELLINGTONIANA.

THE vexed question as to the share of the Prussians in the victory of Waterloo is always with us, and Reuter's message embodying the recent expression of opinion by the Emperor of Germany will not tend to settle the matter. His Imperial Majesty seems to attribute to General Blucher the lion's share in the glories of the day. What the Duke of Wellington wrote on the subject of Waterloo and his analysis of the events of the battle should, one would think, settle the question, for the Duke was not ignorant of the assistance rendered by the Prussians in the campaign, nor was he ungenerous in acknowledging it. In "Personal Reminiscences of the Duke of Wellington," by Francis, first Earl of Ellesmere (John Murray), edited by the Countess of Strafford, we have a discursive collection of incidents, letters and opinions of the great Duke, made by one who was intimate with him for years, and who submitted to his criticism and correction articles written on the Waterloo campaign. In the Duke's own Memorandum on the eventful battle he wrote: "The first heard of the operations of Marshall Blucher's army was a report brought from the left of the army under the command of the Duke of Wellington at six o'clock in the evening that at that moment the smoke of the fire of Artillery was perceived at a great distance beyond the right of the enemy's army, which firing was supposed to be at that time at Planchenoit. The report of the battle made at the time by the Duke of Wellington to the British and the Allied Governments of Europe, has long been before the public. In that report he does full justice to the exertions made by his colleague, the Prussian Commander-in-Chief, and by the General officers and troops, to aid and support him and to the effectual aid which they gave him. He states no detail, except that the battle was terminated by an attack which he determined to make upon the enemy's position in which he does not report that any Prussian troops joined, because in fact none were in that part of the field of battle." This memorandum was supplied by the Duke for the Earl of Ellesmere's article, "The Life of Blucher," in the "Quarterly" of 1842. In another paragraph the Duke acknowledged the cordial and timely assistance received from Marshal Blucher and the Prussian Army. Wellington was the last man to deprive another general of the credit due to him, but he never varied in his account of the decisive action at Waterloo. The pursuit of the French was shared by the Prussians and the preliminary days' fighting fell to both armies, but the brunt of the Waterloo day was borne by Wellington and his army. Captain Siborne's account and map of the battle as well as Alison's have been questioned in many quarters. Wellington differed in many important points with Alison whom he dubbed in this connection "a d—d rascally Frenchman," a very sweeping condemnation in those times.

Though this book by no means expands into a Memoir of the great Duke, it shows him as a man among friends and relations, and there are many references to his opinions as a statesmen, and a military authority. He is represented as the life and soul of a shooting party in a country-house in Suffolk, where the writer had the advantage of hearing from the Duke's own lips, under an umbrella during a rainy lull in a day's partridge-shooting, the history of his Danish campaign of 1807. He expressed his unqualified approval of the skill displayed by the Danes in covering up their retreat. He hunted, riding good and safe horses, but not shirking his fences. Once after receiving a letter threatening assassination—no hero is safe in the political field—he sent for Lord Ellesmere, then Secretary for War, and showed him the letter with the remark, "I never neglect and never believe these things." He made it, however, a rule, which he rarely broke, never to read anything bearing on his military career, lest he should be tempted to make heated comments. He would not read Napier, preferring "to have no knowledge of his romances." The Duke possessed one great secret for the cultivation of cheerfulness, he was satisfied with everything that was his own. "His horse and his gun were in his opinion better than anybody's," but when he made a good shot he generously praised the gun-maker. He hated to be assisted, but was always ready to help others, was very particular in dress and all personal matters, kept a guard over his tongue, never swore, and in religion was an uncompromising believer in the doctrines of the Established Church. In a memorandum on that Church, he extols its influence, its toleration of Dissent, and vehemently opposes the disestablishment of the affiliated Scotch and Irish Churches. Of the latter he wrote in 1843:—"Let it not be believed that the Church of England can stand if unable to protect that branch of the Establishment which is in Ireland. We must maintain that, or we shall lose all, and with all, our Religion, our Monarchy, our property, our Constitution, our Education, our manners, and everything which distinguishes us as a nation." This wholesale prophecy has not yet come true, and very probably will not, though the Irish Church has been disestablished many years. There was nothing at home or abroad in which the Duke was not interested and his was a strenuous life to the end. He wrote in 1845 in reference to a friend's son obtaining a Staff appointment. "Tell your son from me, not to neglect the cultivation of his mind in every way while he will be employed on the Staff of the Governor-General in N. America. Tell him that I have never been, and never am at this moment, listless or idle."

Sixty years ago there were pessimists quite as depressing as any of the croaking multitude now. Even the Duke took occasionally a cheerless view of England's foreign politics. "In respect to foreign affairs," he writes in 1837, "we are in the usual state, not upon good terms with France, on very bad terms with the rest of Europe, Spain and Portugal going to destruction." He thought that if Buonaparte had landed, he would have got to London, says Lord Ellesmere, our force at that time was so ill organised and commanded. Were he alive now we can imagine his repeating with the exception of the last line, what he wrote to Lord Ellesmere in 1834, "I have long been convinced that the British public know very little of what our army is, and of the difficulty of commanding to their satisfaction one of theirs. any of them think that it is very like a fleet. One of these is our most gracious Sovereign." In or about 1820 the Duke wrote: "The question I cannot solve is this. Is the British Government never to be out of a crisis? I have been in Office about a year and I know that we have been three different times in such a crisis that we might have been out of Office any fine morning." He was always slow to speak in disparagement of foreign troops and their commanders. He believed the Austrian artillery the best instructed in the Europe of those days. He himself studied Caesar's Commentaries diligently all the time he was in India and gave the soldier's palm to Hannibal. Of his foreign foes and contemporaries, he held Massena as "the most dangerous and difficult to deal with" but Soult was the best strategist. Would he now believe as he did that the old Austrian rank-and-file soldiers were better than the short-service Prussians? Talking of capturing guns with this writer, the Duke thought he had taken about 3,000. At Victoria and Waterloo he took every gun they had in the field. "What however is more extraordinary, I never lost one in my life." Any that were taken were always recovered. The Duke spoke frequently of the good health he enjoyed in India, he attributed it to his frugal living mostly on rice; drinking little wine, roughing it under canvas seemed to have agreed with him. He was ever a most temperate man, caring little what he ate. His views on Afghan affairs were very definite He deprecated the adoption of Shah Sooja and advised many things which were not done. There is much in this volume of the dead and gone politics of the early half of the last century with which most people are familiar. The attitude of the Duke of Wellington towards his sovereign and the people of the country for which he fought so well is shown in many excerpts from his letters and notes on conversations when he freely expressed his views. A brief Memoir of Ellesmere precedes the Reminiscences and shows the character of the man who during all his life was an intimate friend of the Iron Duke.

THE BENGAL HIGH COURT. To the "Calcutta Review" Mr. Shumbhoo Chunder Dey, Barrister-at-Law, is contributing a series of very interesting papers on the history of the Bengal High Court. In the current number of the "Review" he sketches the careers of eminent Judges of the Sadar Courts. These Courts which stood side by side with the Supreme Courts had very little in common with the latter which were established by Royal Charter and of which none but barristers could ever become Judges. The Sadar Courts were established by the East India Company and any civil servant who had by gradation of service risen sufficiently high was entitled to a seat on the Bench. Their method of dispensing justice was in accordance with native customs, while the decisions of the Supreme Courts, in their early days only inspired panic among the people. A writer quoted by Mr. Shumbhoo Chunder Dey says that the Judges of the Sadar Court were not lawyers but the most learned civilians in the service of the Company. In 1801 the Sadar Courts were established as distinct tribunals separate from the Supreme Council, of which they had previously formed part. At the outset almost all the judges were taken from the Council, Mr. Peter Speke, the oldest civilian in the Council being made Chief Judge. Mr. Speke early retired and his place was taken by Sir George Hilaro Barlow who is regarded as virtually the first Chief Judge of the Court. Sir George Barlow who had originally entered the service of the Company as a "writer," was a distinguished member of the Civil Service. He presided over the Sadar Diwani Adalut for only two years, from 1802 to 1804, when he reverted to the Council. On the death of Lord Cornwallis in 1805 Sir George Barlow was appointed Provisional Governor-General and subsequently became Governor of Madras. He was a man of great ability and learning but was not a success as Governor and in 1814, a year after his appointment, he was recalled Home from Madras in consequence of the strong feelings he had aroused. On his retirement from the Bengal Sadar Court he had been succeeded as Chief Judge by Henry Thomas Colebrooke, son of Sir George Colebrooke who became Chairman of the Company in 1769. Henry Colebrooke came out to India as a "writer" and during his service he completed the digest of Hindu Law begun by Sir William Jones. He led a life of literary activity and distinguished himself in several departments of knowledge. Of the other eminent men who succeeded to the Chief Judgeship of the Sadar Courts there were John Herbert Harrington, John Fendall and William Leycester. The title of "Chief Judge" was abolished with the retirement of Leycester in 1831, his successor being appointed as "First Judge."

THE CROPS OF THE PRESIDENCY. THE only unsatisfactory feature of the reports upon progress made by the cultivators of the Bombay Presidency during the past week is the continued absence of rain from the several districts which need moisture rather badly. The reports relative to damage by grasshoppers, locusts and other pests are not of much significance, except in Surat and one or two talukas of Khandesh. As a general rule the crops are all doing well and there is every reason to be grateful for the progress which has been made so far with seasonable agricultural operations. The cultivators of Sind are all busily employed with the threshing and winnowing of the kharif crops. The rabi crops are all flourishing, though in places the effects of past depredations by locusts are being severely felt. In the Upper Sind Frontier district some damage has been done to the wheat seedlings by grasshoppers. Gujarat cultivators report that the harvest is practically completed. Here again the standing crops of cotton, tobacco, wheat, gram, barley and maize are in good condition. Sowing operations are nearly completed. Unfortunately in Broach, where so much damage was done by locusts to the cotton crops, there seems to be little improvement in the condition of the crops. In Surat, as already mentioned, more damage has been done by the locust plague, the crops which have particularly suffered in this instance being jowari, bajri, hill-millets and rice. Otherwise the crops are in fair condition. In the Konkan the locusts seem to have practically disappeared. At any rate no more damage is reported. Cotton cultivators in Khandesh are continuing with their harvest, but unfortunately the growing crops of cotton and jowari have suffered badly from the depredations of locusts. In Nasik the rainfall has been insufficient up to now. Unfortunately no rain fell during the past seven days; and this remark holds good in the case of Ahmednagar and Poona, where moisture is also badly needed. From Poona serious complaints are being made as to the effect of the drought over. In other parts of the Presidency the situation seems to be very good. Cultivators are busy in Bijapur and Belgaum. The damage we have mentioned seems to be merely a blemish on what would otherwise be a very favourable situation. As a whole agriculture in Bombay at the present time is in a prosperous state. There is little variation in the price of food-grains. The agricultural stock is healthy, and there is an abundance of fodder and of water for drinking purposes.

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY. PRACTICALLY no change took place during the past seven days in the vital statistics of the City of Bombay, and the figures preserve a very healthful aspect as compared with those of previous years. The aggregate of deaths amounted to 581, so that there was a decline of six in the total. However this small decrease is altogether insignificant when a comparison is made with the figures of previous years. Last year, for instance, the total mortality amounted to 724 and the death-rate to 48·51. As compared with these figures then there is a decrease on the one hand of 143 deaths and on the other of 9·48 in the death-rate. The present rate of mortality is much more remarkable when compared with the average for the past five years. There were practically 300 deaths less last week than has been usual in recent years at this season, and the death-rate is over 18 per thousand per annum below the average. This state of affairs, and particularly the maintenance of it which dates from the close of the last monsoon proves conclusively that Bombay is better situated as regards the general health of her population than she has been for at least five years past. Plague is not increasing excessively. As a matter of fact the figures last week were higher than they have been for some months past. There was an increase over the previous week of nine deaths which brought the total to 65. However this mortality is only about 50 per cent of what has been the average at the present season. It has been remarkable to notice the sudden diminution of plague deaths in the unfortunate district of Mandvi. Recently the figures would seem to have shown that Mandvi was one of the least infected districts of the city. But this week the district again assumed the unenviable distinction which it has held for so long a period, and with seven deaths it once more takes its place at the head of the list. Another area in which the plague is extremely virulent is the Market, and in Tarwadi, too, an unusual number of deaths have occurred. There were not so many fatal cases of fever as in the preceding week, and the City is now comparatively free from small-pox and measles. It is also fairly well off in regard to such diseases as diarrhœa and dysentery, and it is to be congratulated upon the situation which now obtains in respect of the mortality from diseases of the respiratory organs. The death-rate amongst the Hindus and the Parsis was satisfactory last week, and the birth-rate of the City as a whole continues to increase. There were again three deaths in the European community and seven births.

THE Viceroy and Lady Curzon visited Lord Kitchener at Fort William on Wednesday.

H. E. Lord Lamington's arrival at the Mahomedan Conference has been fixed for 1 P.M. on Monday, instead of 12-30 P.M. as previously announced.

MR. G. R. Irwin, C. S. I., Political Department, now on furlough, has resigned the Civil Service.

THE Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, A.-D.-C. on the Viceregal Staff, does not return to India. He has been at Home on leave since June.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to nominate Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola to be an Additional Member of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations only.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR of Bombay, under the authority vested, has been pleased to nominate Mr. J. W. P. Muir-Mackenzie M.R.A.C., I.C.S., to be an Additional Member of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations only.

ON the recommendation of the District Local Boards in the Central Division of the Presidency of Bombay, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to nominate Mr. Hari Sitaram Dikshit, B. A., L. L. B., to be an Additional Member of his Excellency's Council for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations only.

THE returns for the export of Indian tea to foreign ports reveal the fact that during November out of 2,170,000 lbs. shipped, about 1,276,000 lbs., or more than half, went to Dalny, and 252,000 lbs. to Batoum. These figures serve to show the enormous strides made in the trade with Russian territory.

SOME months hence, when the Easter Vacation has passed, the Calcutta High Court will have several new Judges on the Bench permanently or temporarily. Mr Justice Gurudass Banerjee will have retired before then, and he will probably be followed by Mr. Justice Hill. Sir Henry Prinsep, Justices Amir Ali and Stevens will probably have gone to England by then, and we hear of other Judges desiring to take leave or furlough.

THE Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab has consented to unveil the memorial tablet to General Sir Sam Browne, which has been put up in the Lahore Cathedral. The ceremony is to take place on some day during the Christmas "week," when there is always a gathering of people from all over the Punjab in Lahore; and it is hoped that representatives of the 2nd Punjab Cavalry and the Guides, the regiments with which Sir Sam Browne was specially connected, may be able to be present.

THE Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces has decided that the time is ripe for a thorough overhauling of the excise system of the Province. To this end a small Committee, consisting of Mr. C. G. Todhunter, C.S., of Madras, Mr. Marshall the Provincial Commissioner of Excise, and Mr. Jageshwar Bapuji of the Central Provinces Commission, has been appointed to inquire district by district, into the subject. The Committee will spend the remainder of the cold weather on tour and report at the end of February.

NEWS received from the Chumbi Valley, through Darjeeling, states that the Tibet Mission have had no trouble whatever with the local inhabitants, who continue to furnish a small amount of supplies. The whether is cold but bracing; 20° of frost have been registered at night, but the troops seem to stand the climate well. Kichingong being a small village of only some forty or fifty houses, it is not possible to occupy any of the buildings. Preparations are proceeding for a forward move to Phari, on the road to Gyantsi, but this cannot take place until a large quantity of supplies has been passed over the Jelap-la. The arrival of the Mule Corps from the Punjab later on will greatly facilitate the work, though it will involve special measures for an extra supply of corn and fodder for the animals.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending December 22nd was 581, giving a death-rate of 38·93 per annum per thousand as against 48·51 the corresponding period of last year, and 57·69 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 45 died from fevers; 65, plague; 2, small-pox; 4, measles; 0, cholera; 3, leprosy; 51, phthisis; 36, diseases of the nervous system; 109, affections of the respiratory organs; 31, diarrhœa; 24, dysentery; 28, still born; 96, old age and debility; 11, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 33; Brahmin, 18; Lingaet, 0, Bhattia, 5; Hindu of other caste, 259; Hindu low-caste, 60; Musalman, 140; Parsee, 28; Jew, 4; Native Christian, 26; Eurasian, 3; European, 3; and Negro African, 2. The total number of births was 260 as against 384 the corresponding period of last year, and 290 the average over the past five years.

THE Paris "Siecle" has received from the ladies who visited Paris with the British Members of Parliament an Address expressing their thanks for the boundless kindness extended to them, and for the graceful attention shown them both by the public authorities and by private Societies. They hope that British and French women will alike do all in their power to render the "entente cordiale" a benefit for both nations.

SEEING the peculiar uses of West rumite and what appear to be its invaluable qualities for hot and dry countries, it is not surprising that India has been the first consideration of those anxious to push its merits in the Greater Britain beyond the seas. The Germans are the first in the field in this direction, the Indian rights having been sold to a well German house.

THE "Politische Correspondenz" learns from its Vatican correspondent that the French Government have been confidentially informed that Pope Pius X intends to maintain exactly the same attitude as his predecessor in regard to the visits of heads of foreign States to Rome, and that consequently M. Loubet could not be received at the Vatican on the occasion of his visit to the Italian capital.

THE Maimana Fakir, who stirred up strife between Shiahs and Sunnis in the Orakzai and Afridi country, is reported to have left Tirah for Kabul. He has promised his Sunni supporters to return in the spring, but apparently they are not anxious to see him again. This man aims at acquiring the power and prestige of the late Hada Mullah, but his failure to oust the Shiahs from their fortified villages last summer has caused him to be discredited. It may be noted that the anniversary of the Hada Mullah's death was solemnly celebrated at Jellalabad on the 11th instant. There was a large gathering of the local priesthood; and some fanatical preaching.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

HOW "SANDY CLAWS" TREATED POP BAKER.

Pop Baker never heard of Santa Claus in the days of his early youth. He was over seventy years old, although no one would ever have guessed it. Over seventy years old was he, very tall and very straight, and broad-shouldered, and slightly silvered of hair and chin-beard. Also he was rosy-faced and merry-eyed. Fate had found him a hard nut to crack, and left him at the end of the span of man's life unscathed and wholesome. He had been married twice at least. He had several children, of whom "Doc" and "Jimpsey" remained on this mundane sphere, shiftless, hill billies, with none of the old man's grit or philosophy. Another, a daughter, Mahala by name, had achieved notoriety by the accumulation of nine children in a dozen years. She departed this life "thout doin' no more dammidge," pop said, "than ter leave seven livin'." The seven livin' proved for half a dozen years the old man's burden. He mothered them and he allowed the father, Peter Mason to live under his own roof. But when leetle pop was six years old his grandsire decided on a course of action and was prompt indeed about it. He caught Pete at the rail fence one morning when the latter was mounting a mule to ride off to Fausch's Corners for an early bracer-up. This begins one of best of Christmas stories in the "Century," Elizabeth Cherry Waltz is the writer.

"Petey, I hear ye air goin' reg'lar-like up to Kuykendal's. Thet air all right, but ye mought ez well be narratin' over yan, thet ye're the seven livin' ter pervide fer yit. I'm a-gittin' ter thet time o' life when I wanter hev a leetle freedom 'n' enj'yment. Ye mought ez well let on ter which-ever one of them gels ye're shinin' up ter thet ef she air bent on merryin' she must tek the hull bunch long wid ye."

Peter narrowed his eyes.

"Ye meught make a sheer-up," he debated; "thar's a hall let o' 'em."

Pop Baker shook his head decidedly.

"I'm too old ter be raisin' fambliés," he said, "an' ye'll hev ter rustle a leetle more yerself from this hyah time on, Petey. They air all on their feetses now, an' rale fat an' sassy. Ef one of them Kuykendall gels hain't willin', consort elsewhar. I calkilate ter give ye a mule, a bar'l o' sorghum, an' three feather beds fer the children. Ye must do fer yerself with yer settin' out from wherever ye marry any one."

As Peter Mason was still a strapping, swaggering fellow, he had little difficulty in persuading Georgella Kuykendall to assume the position of stepmother to the seven livin' and wife to himself. The family removed themselves in the springtime clear over Mitchell's Hill, and, under Georgella's thrifty and energetic reign, got on fairly well.

For the first time in his life Pop Baker enjoyed the sweets of entire freedom. He fought off Jimpsey's vehement offers to keep house and Doc's inclination to make his home a half-way tavern between his own cabin and Fausch's Corners. He had thirty acres to farm, two mules, and a cow. His house was part stone and part log, with a noble chimney of rough stone. He had wood and water and a garden.

All summer he reveled. He worked when he chose, he hitched up and rode around in a buckboard behind his best mule, whose name was Bully Boy. All his meat came from the woods—birds, rabbits, squirrels, racoons, and even a fat opossum now and then.

"Look at that muscle, wull ye?" he would say to the young men pitching quoits at the picnics. "Thar muscle have been made tough on work an' wild meat. Tame meat never made a man like I be."

He had his own ideas of sport.

"D'ye s'pose I'd ever kill fer the pleasure o' hearin' a noise an' seein' a creatur die?" he said. "I live like the birds an' the varmints. I kill ter eat—the Almighty's way.

In front of him, across the rough road and over a half-cleared and enchanting woodland of old trees, rose the wildest of hills to the west; and behind him, half a mile to the east and south, were other cones and shoulders, strangely formed and freakishly upheaved, with narrow hollows between them and meandering streams tearing down, and falling down, and laughing over jagged rocks. Over the rarely trodden forests and on these hills tramped Pop Baker at will. He gave his whole soul to the delight of solitude, of falling in with nature's moods. His heart grew more tender as the days went by. He gathered a great hoard of nuts for the children. He halved the crop from his patch of pop-corn, and he traded corn for a barrel of red apples. Something was working in him that, in earlier years, had never bothered him. The seven livin' had brought in Christmas and Sandy Claws to the cabin with them, and the idea would not be swept out with their going.

All along through the fall Pop Baker was the maddest of merrymakers at the dances, the weddings, infares, and quiltings. He never heard of any social event far or near, but he greased up his boots, tied his red comforter round his neck, and racked Bully Boy over the hills to it. He never waited for an invitation, and he was always expected. There was sure to be some congenial spirit there, either, a young widow or a mischievous girl willing to spire a bashful swain, or, at the worst, one or two uproarious young blades to slap him on the shoulder.

Nothing daunted him, nothing stayed him. The cold only made his cheeks rosier; his eyes sparkled. They called him "Old Christmas hisself"; they applauded him, and egged him on to dance and flip speech. So the days and nights passed, and Christmas was at hand.

Bully Boy and The Other for Pop Baker disdained, in his partiality, to name his less intelligent mule—pulled up over Jefferson Hill and down into Bullitt County with Pop's Christmas for Mahala's young ones in the wagon. There were the apples and the nuts, the molasses, and a big green ham. Mrs. Peter gave him a welcome, a good meal, and started him home early. To her he was only an old man who ought to be in his chimney-corner at night. The seven swarmed lovingly over his as he mounted the seat. "Leetle Pop" smeared him with molasses as he murmured:

"Wanter buss, ye one, gran'dad. Ye're so derned goody, year"

Then came a splendid ride homeward under the frosty starlight. Pop Baker sat on an old skin robe and rode with a bed comfort and a horse-blanket around his legs. Straw heaped the wagon bed in front of the empty barrel. The wagon wheels creaked over the road, broke into the forming ice on Knop Creek, and rattled down the steep slope of Mitchell's Hill. Then along the deep shadowy ways he passed through interminable woods, where sometimes there were hollows hundreds of feet below him, and sometimes there was a narrow cut under a rocky cliff where dry branches broke and crackled down, sometimes there appeared below him, like fire flies or sparkling human eyes, half frozen streams that ran and crossed, and reflected back the stars. Bully Boy had his master's own spirit, and literally dragged The Other up and down hill right sturdily. Pop Baker did not have to drive. Bully boy would have resented any imputation of being driven. He knew every step of the way, and he pulled—that was the duty, Christmas or Fourth of July—without shirking. Pop took it easy, and watched the processional of the stars across the cathedral of the heavens. Now he was on the highest point of the county, on Jefferson Hill. Far, far away in the wide valley he saw glows of light. He knew that there lay the distant city, with its hundreds of shop-windows lighted up and Christmas-gay, draped with tinsels and bright colors, and full of what in his sterner moments he called trash, in his soften moods parties. The thick carpet of fallen leaves on the road deadened the sound of the wheels and the mules' feet. Pop Baker looked at the stars with a new awe and joy.

"Might' fine them! Sorter hail a man ter notice. Seen 'em walkin' over thet big space many a night, but, dern it all! they never was so bright. Might' good comp'ny—the bestes' o' comp'ny fer an ol' man. Merry 'n' cheerful 'n' deliverin' the message thet thar hain't no doin' erway with whatever air made 'n' placed—anywhar. Thet 's what I hev figgered out. I been put right here, 'n' I hev figgered out I'm in the percession, an boun' ter stay—out o' sight, er in sight—perceedin' on an never stoppin' case I oncet war ma'e an' do be."

No human bein had ever seen the rapt face Pop Baker turned to the stars—no one but his Maker.

"Folkses thinks ez how I'd git lonesome; but when a man gits ter some age, he air got suthin' er nothin' in 'im—Dern yer buttons, Bully Boy! whut air ye stoppin fer?"

There was a haloo, clear and high, from the bottom of the hill.

"An ye heared thet when I did n't Boy? Waal, consarn ye! whut else hev I got sech a smart mule fer? Halloo, yerself, down thar!"

"Come on down!" came up a stentorian Sound. Then a hound barked long and loud.

"Tobey shore we wull, Bully Boy," commented Pop Baker; fer I'll bet ye yer feed it's some un thet hev been ter town an got plumb full o' Sandy Claws, wagonbed an' all. "We air comin' down!" he hallooed merrily; then he began singing one of his own improvised songs on cider—the one that was always the chief delight of the hill folk's revels and routs:

'Ol 'Unkie Doc an' the cider-pot!
'He liked um col' an' he liked um hot;
Stick in the poker, an make um sizz,
Hi! d' ye know how good thet is?

"Tooty-ti, tooty to!
You likes me, an' I likes you;
Stick in the poker, an make um sizz,
Hi! d' he know how good thet is!"

He had rollicking company in the chorus long before he got the bottom of the hill. If you had seen that hill you would have said that Bully Boy tumbled down it. As for The Other, it was his place in the order of things to fall after.

"Hi! d'ye know how good thet is!"

And there the two wagons stood side by side at a slightly widened curve in the steep road.

"He air gittin thar, Dick Smith, retorted Pop Baker; "sides, Bully Boy air allers cavortin' after nightfall, goin' er comin'. The Other has plumb lost his wind, I swany! Waal, how 's Christmas?"

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TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WAR LOOMING.

Japan's Military Activity.

PREPARATIONS COMPLETE.

SIGNIFICANT NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 23.

Reuter wires from Tokio that there is incessant activity at the military head quarters.

The transport and other arrangements are complete and the Government is now calmly awaiting the Russian reply.

Despatches from Tokio emphatically contradict the statement in New York telegrams that Japan has been attempting to raise funds in America.

The despatches add that Japan is well supplied with money.

LONDON, DECEMBER 24.

The "Standard" in a telegram from Tokio states that after the last conference between Baron Komura and Baron Rosen, the Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg was telegraphically instructed to press for an early answer and to point out the danger of delay.

The "Daily Telegraph" in a despatch from Nagasaki says the Japanese fleet is unshipping all the soft Japanese coal and shipping Welsh in its place.

All superfluous woodwork is also being removed from the ships.

The "Daily Mail" in a telegram from Tokio says that after a secret conference of naval officers held at Sasebo on the 22nd instant six battle-ships sailed.

The "Daily Mail" in a telegram from Kobe states that all the best blue-jackets who are on leave have been recalled.

At the last conference of the Cabinet and senior statesmen it was decided that Japan would be compelled to appeal to arms if her demands were refused.

THE DISTURBANCES IN KOREA.

LONDON, DECEMBER 23.

Telegrams from Korea report continued disturbances at Mokpho and also Tonghak.

The insurrection in the Chellado Province and the activity of the Tonghaks was the immediate cause of the Chino-Japanese war.

THE BERBER RAILWAY.

Provision has been made in the Egyptian Budget of 1904 for beginning the Berber-Suakim Railway.

FRANCE AND ITALY.

An Arbitration Treaty.

A Franco-Italian Arbitration Treaty has been concluded which is similar to that concluded between France and Great Britain.

THE SOMALI WAR.

The Durbo Incident.

CAPTAIN GAUNT HONOURED.

The King of Italy has awarded the silver medal for bravery to Commander Gaunt of the Mohawk.

PORTUGUESE CROWN PRINCE.

To Visit India.

The Portuguese Crown Prince starts in March on a tour of the Portuguese and British Colonies in Africa and India.

LUDLOW ELECTION.

The Fiscal Issue.

Mr. Hunt, the Unionist Candidate and Chamberlainite, has been elected for Ludlow, having polled 4,393 votes defeating Mr. Horne, the Liberal candidate, who polled 3,423 votes. The issue was on the fiscal question alone.

[The election in the Ludlow Division of Shropshire was caused by the death of Mr. R. Jasper More who had represented the constituency as a Liberal Unionist since 1886. Mr. More was a Shropshire man and Lord of various manors in the County. At the last election he was returned unopposed and was likewise elected without opposition in 1895 and 1886. There was a contest in 1892, when the Liberal Unionist majority was 3,819, the polling being :—

R. J. More (L. U.) 5,965
F. S. Morris (G. L.) 2,146

The present Unionist majority is 970.

The Ludlow Unionists first selected Colonel Le Roy Lewis of the War Office to contest the seat but the choice occasioned much local dissatisfaction among the party as it was considered unwise to go outside the division for a candidate in view of the circumstances of the contest. This view apparently prevailed and Mr. Hunt, the successful candidate, was put forward in place of Colonel Lewis.]

DEATH OF SIR GEORGE THOMSON.

LONDON, DECEMBER 24.

The death is announced of Surgeon Colonel Sir George Thomson, formerly of the Indian Medical Service.

THE THIBET MISSION.

NO RESISTANCE TO BE OFFERED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 24.

The following Press Communique regarding the Thibet Mission has been issued to-day :—General Macdonald with the advanced party of the Mission escort has reached Phari and has reconnoitred the Tang La Pass over the main chain of the Himalayas. He met with no opposition at any stage. The inhabitants of the Chumbi Valley have brought in supplies of grass and sold a hundred mules to the Mission. They are also arranging for the carriage of Mission supplies on the contract system between Chumbi, where Colonel Younghusband has halted for the present until supplies can be sent on, and the head of the mule road on the Rungpo in Sikkim.

Colonel Younghusband has been visited at Chumbi by the Phari Yongpen or District Officer, who stated that no resistance would be offered to the Mission and that supplies would be furnished.

FROM RS. 10,000 TO 10

Rs. 10,000 to 200 against placing the first three in the Viceroy's Cup. CHARLES HARDING, 29, Esplanade Road, next to Bombay Club, Fort, Bombay.

THE TULLY AND POWELL FIGHT.

A FIASCO AT CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 23.

The glove fight which came off at the Corinthian Theatre to-night between Tully and Powell, two professionals, for a purse of Rs. 2,000 ended in a fiasco. Tully who was unsteady on his legs, was knocked out in the first round and hissed off the stage.

CRICKET.

BOSWORTH SMITH'S ELEVEN VS. CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 24.

Mr. Bosworth Smith's Eleven began their match against Calcutta here to-day. The visitors batted first and at lunch had made 114 runs for seven wickets. Bosworth Smith was out for 53 and Captain Bailey for 34.

THE UNITED PROVINCES WANDERERS.

The United Provinces Wanderers commence their visit to Calcutta to-morrow, when they play the Caledonians.

THE VICEROY'S CUP.

THE VICEROY UNABLE TO ATTEND.

In the betting for the Viceroy's Cup Great Scott has now gone down to fours while Acetine has come up to favourite.

It is announced that H. E. the Viceroy will not attend the Race owing to the sudden death of a near relative, of which news has just reached him.

CHRISTMAS IN MADRAS.

MADRAS, DECEMBER 24.

The attractions in Madras during the Christmas week are drawing into the city thousands of people from the mofussil. All trains arriving since the 19th have been laden to their fullest capacity, the Plague Prevention Department being severely tested.

THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

The Maharaja of Mysore who has come to open the Industrial Exhibition on Saturday next, to-day paid a visit to the Governor.

THE MADRAS FAIR.

The Raja of Cochin will open the Madras Fair on Monday next.

DEATH OF A GERMAN CONSUL.

The death of the German Consul in Madras, Mr. A. Gerdes, took place last night from acute pneumonia. Deceased received his appointment from the Emperor William, twenty-one years ago and was decorated with the Order of the Crown by the present Emperor. The deceased only returned to Madras from Germany a fortnight ago.

THE CHARGE AGAINST AN ADVOCATE.

BANGALORE, DECEMBER 24.

The Hon'ble Mr. Bourdillon sitting in the Resident's Court has declined to grant permission to Mr. Lubeck, Advocate, to appeal to the Privy Council against his Honor's order suspending him from practice for four months as recently reported. Mr. Bourdillon held that under the Legal Practitioners' Rules applying to Bangalore he was not empowered to make any reference to the Privy Council nor was petitioner empowered to appeal.

Nevertheless, Mr. Lubeck left for England last night to make a special appeal on one or two well-known precedents.

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF VOLUNTEERS ON TOUR.

The Inspector-General of Volunteers leaves Calcutta to-night on a tour in Assam. He will arrive at Silchar on the 29th instant, Chittagong on the 2nd January, and Dacca on the 4th, returning to Calcutta on the 7th.

THE CASE OF MRS. COOMBES.

In the case of Mrs. Anne Coombes who was convicted of concealing the birth of her child last month and sentenced to four months' imprisonment the Sessions Judge has quashed the conviction under Section 318 of the Indian Penal Code for concealment of birth but has upheld the conviction on the charge of causing death by a rash and negligent act and has reported the case to the local High Court as he considers the punishment inadequate.

THE MYSORE RESIDENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Bourdillon pay a visit to Lord and Lady Ampthill on January 5.

CALCUTTA RACES.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 24.

The following are to day's results :—

The Burdwan Cup.

Swiftsure	1
Pope	2
Rickshaw	3

The "Maiden Pony Plate"

Slipknot	1
Ivanhoe	2
Idle Bell	3

The "Paddock Plate."

Wallgrove	1
Wild Raven	2
Bundook	3

The "Trials"

Loch Clieveden	1
Acetine	2
Tubal Cain	3

The "International Pony Plate."

Matalgia	1
Yankee Boy	2
Bess	3

The "Ellenborough Plate."

Best Man	1
Firecracker	2
Hello	3

The defeat of Great Scott in "The Trials" to-day was a surprise to everybody. It was not its distance but the animal seemed distressed at the finish, while Acetine was still going strong.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 24.

Major Shadwell, 2nd Suffolk, is ordered to proceed to South Africa as Second-in-Command, 3rd Lancashires.

Captain C. E. Stewart becomes Adjutant, 6th Volunteer Battalion Royal Highlanders.

The Transport Cicilia is due at Bombay on the 31st instant with two hundred men of the 1st Sussex Regiment, 650 men of the Royal Field Artillery, 15 men of the Royal Horse Artillery and a large number of officers and ladies.

The following Artillery postings are notified :—Captain Barton from the 34th Field Battery to the 3rd Army Corps ; Captain Hill from the Second Army Corps to the 34th Battery ; Major Sandys from the 26th to the 7th Battery ; Lieutenant Murphy from the 42nd to the 38th Battery ; Lieutenant Colonel Macleod from the 74th Battery to the 16th Brigade ; and Second-Lieutenant Dobbin from the School of Gunnery to No. 70 Company Garrison Artillery ; and Riding Masters Carnaghan and Caddington, Royal Horse Artillery, to Newbridge and India respectively.

Lieutenant F. W. W. Hanson is transferred to the unattached list of the 1st Battalion B. B. & C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps with effect from the 18th December.

Major Henry Alfred Handley Payne, of the Bombay Volunteer Artillery, has resigned his commission with effect from 24th November.

Lieutenant H. Q. Rogers-Harrison becomes Captain from 11th November, 1903, vice Captain A. Cuming transferred to the supernumerary list and Second-Lieutenant A. J. Valentin Palmer becomes Lieutenant vice Rogers-Harrison promoted.

Bernard Triggs, gentleman, becomes Lieutenant of the Electrical Engineer Company of the Bombay Volunteer Artillery, with effect from 16th November. Gray Rigge, gentleman, has been appointed Second-Lieutenant of the Bombay Volunteer Rifles and Thomas Hunt Potts has been appointed Second-Lieutenant of the same corps.

THE PERSIAN GULF.

ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BUNDER ABBAS, DECEMBER 12.

AWAY from the Gulf it is difficult to realise why Russia should have shown anxiety to obtain a footing at Bunder Abbas, a port where she has no trade herself and where there is never likely to be any very considerable commercial development, and one, too, shut off from her Central Asian possessions by a great desert. A visit to the spot makes the matter clear to the most sceptical. Bunder Abbas commands the Persian Gulf strategically. It is no harbour at present but is easily capable of being converted into one that would contain the entire Russian navy. It could be rendered impregnable by the mounting of a few modern guns. With railway communication, such as Russia has always contemplated, behind it for supplies it would constitute a naval base of extraordinary strength and capacity. The power holding it could, at any time, stop the commerce of the Gulf. For Great Britain which does the bulk of the eight million sterlings worth of annual trade which Persian Gulf ports have with the rest of the world, to agree to such an arrangement would be for her to acquiesce in rendering herself impotent to maintain the position she has hitherto occupied. Her ships could neither enter nor leave the Gulf without Russian permission. A self-supporting, foreign naval base would be created within striking distance of Bombay and so situated that ships could sally out from it equally easily into either Persian or Indian waters.

On the right, as one steams into the Bunder Abbas roadstead, is the island of Ormuz (also written Hormuz) a mass of barren peaks, some of which are white and composed of almost pure salt. On the North, towards the Persian shore, juts out a low-lying spit of land once the site of the famous city Ormuz, which the Portuguese made the head-quarters of their trade in the Persian Gulf. At the extremity of the promontory stand the still imposing battlements of a Portuguese port, built, tradition alleges, by Albuquerque himself. On the left is the barren mountainous island of Kishm, famous for its marvellous salt caverns, and easily capable of fortification. Bunder Abbas itself is a miserably squalid town which struggles along the most exposed portion of the shore immediately opposite where the sea dashes in between Ormuz and Kishm. A little to the west of it are the sheltered Clarence Straits, lying between Kishm and the mainland which could be converted into a harbour. The small island of Larak, in the channel between Kishm and Ormuz, makes the position still more secure. Looking seaward from Bunder Abbas, on the mountains of the Arabian coasts which form a prominent feature across the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf with the precipitous hills of the Ormuz, Kishm and Larak Islands, in the middle distance, and the blue water of the roadstead at one's feet, one realises the strength of the place and the significance of Russia's ambition to possess it.

As a centre of commerce the glory of the ancient Gombroon, which is close to the modern Bunder Abbas, has departed. The port is still the gate of entry and exit for the foreign trade of South-Eastern Persia, but the country about the coast is so poor and the caravan routes in the interior so insecure that the trade outlook is unpromising. The official returns for 1902 show imports valued at £399,291 and exports of £97,331, but the squalor of the bazaar and the evident poverty of the people renders it difficult to realise that even this amount of traffic is going on. The goods are conveyed into and from the interior by caravans and numbers of camels are to be seen about the place. The bazaar contains a variety of cheap and, for the most part, badly made carpets of not very attractive colour. There are also such local produce as dried grapes and almonds and any amount of rock salt. The imports consist, almost exclusively, British manufactures and Indian food-grains. Manchester piece-goods, Bengal rice, and Delhi flour are to be seen lying about the customs-house in large quantities. Sugar from Marseilles is also conspicuous, but could find nothing whatever of Russian origin. Samovars (Russian tea-urns) were the nearest approach to anything Muscovite but even they turned out to be spurious, being of entirely local manufacture.

Arabs, Persians, Baluchis and Cabulis jostled each other in the narrow passages which do duty for streets. The women were in the hideous masks of Maskat and Bushire, and the filthy sands of the beach in front of the town were covered by crowds of miserable traders, as on the occasion of Lord Curzon's visit to the place more than than ten years ago. Hardly anything about Bunder Abbas appears to have changed in the interval. The same caravans wend their way into the interior, past the rocky mountion of Ginao, which rises seven thousand feet into the sky but twenty miles from the shore. The same question of the competition of British and Russian influence remains, the same unsatisfactory position as regards safety of life and property in the interior.

The customs are now collected by Belgians, instead of by Persians, and an official of the Indian Telegraph Department has been added to the small British community, but, beyond this, things remain very much as before. In their address to the Viceroy, on the occasion of his recent visit to Bunder Abbas, the local British Indian Traders called attention to the desirability of connecting the place with the Indo-European telegraph system. This would now be an easy matter to accomplish, as a wire is being set up through Kerman, which is likely to eventually connect Teheran with the Indian system via Nushki. This wire passes through Bam, some hundred and seventy miles inland. Stores in connection with it are being sent up through Bunder Abbas.

An enterprise, to some extent new for Bunder Abbas, is that connected with yellow ochre. A few cargoes of this mineral, which is found in unlimited quantity in the surrounding islands, are now sent to Europe annually, but there has been no other development of the probably considerable mineral wealth of the neighbourhood.

Bunder Abbas remains as it has long been one of the most dreary stations upon the coast. Its heat in the summer, is possibly not quite so terrible as that of Muskat, a place with which it vies in the picturesqueness of its barren rocks and the brilliance of its phosphorescent seas. It is, if possible, even less desirable as a place of exile. Its periodical earthquakes, severe as they often are, are almost a relief, when they occur, since they breathe the weariness of its monotony.

As in the case of Muscat, fodder is so scarce in it that its cattle have to subist upon a diet composed almost exclusively of boiled date-stones and smashed-up fish. Raw fish, in every stage of putrefaction also enters largely into the food of its human residents. As the Arab boatman who took me ashore, remarked "nobody lives in Bunder Abbas who can manage to live anywhere else." The man was a native of the place and his view, so far as I have been able to ascertain, was not unduly pessimistic.

MR. M. B. LEAVITT'S COMPANY.

LAST evening the attraction caused by the appearance of a new artiste in Mr. Leavitt's entertainment at the Novelty Theatre resulted in another capital house, and those who have not yet witnessed this week's programme would do well to attend the theatre either to-night or to-morrow when the Company give their closing performance in Bombay. There is every indication that the theatre will be crowded this evening. The Naval and Military element of the city are looking forward to the entertainment which so appropriately falls on Christmas Day, and a bumper house is expected. As already intimated his Excellency Rear Admiral Willes has accorded his patronage to the performance, the first part of which will be given by the Anglo-American Troubadours as usual and the second part by the company of H. M. S Fox. Miss Morasine is a capable vocalist and a very enjoyable programme met with a cordial reception last night. The other members of the Company who have made themselves so popular in Bombay are still in their best form.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE following passengers will proceed to-morrow by the P. and O. Co.'s steamer, Mengolia for Marseilles and London :—

Butlin, Mr C L	Robinson, Mr A L
Cookson, Mrs E	Beattie Mrs
Engineer, Mr A A	Macausland Lt Col R C S
Stevens, Mr and Mrs A H	Seaman, Mr and Mrs
Edie Mrs D C H	Gaskin, Miss
Caube, Lt S B	Newell, and infts., Mrs
Jarrad, R N Commander F W	James, Mr E T
	Adams, and child Mrs
Wood, Mr F J	Randall, Mr P m
Clause, Mr and Mrs R	Phipps, Mr L E.
Shorrock, Mrs W	Pearson, Mr J A
MacFarlaine, Mr and Mrs and 2 children	Thronson, Capt H
	Hall, Mr J
Lynn Miller, Mrs	Reynolds, Mr
Taylor, Mr G Hutton	Hamilton, Mrs C deCourcy
Cockburn, Mr E D	Pifford Commander A J
Comber, Mr and Mrs	Gabourel and inft., Mrs S C
Bade, Mr H	
Prean Vleet Mr and Mrs P	Lubeck, Mr H
Jackson Mrs A	Wannell, Lt. G. E
Raper, Mr F	Forbes, Sampil Capt Hon J

A "kafila" from Shignan, in the Oxus district, recently arrived at Peshawar, having travelled via Chitral, Dir and Swat, this route having become popular owing to its absolute safety under British protection. In the "kafila" were some retainers of Mir [illegible] Beg, Governor of Shignan, with a [illegible] of [illegible] as a present to His Highness the [illegible] of Bombay.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

FANCY DRESS DESIGNS.

EXERCISES FOR WOMEN.

COTILLON FAVOURS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 4.

ONCE the style of dress is decided upon, there will be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary fabrics in all their quaint detail for the picturesque gowns of either romantic, historical, or floral device. An indescribable number of textiles introducing gilt and silver motifs appear among the new materials. For gowns of the Louis epochs there are details which accentuate their courtly suggestion—satin and kid slippers, whose high heels are even occasionally red ; stockings which may show stiff floral vases ; and all the tiny fans of that period. The Louis fans are expensive accessories, but quite reasonable imitations are seen in silk, gauze, and even paper, which are astonishingly pretty. For the floral and clinging robes are voile and mousseline and the new double chiffon: while sun-plaiting and accordion-plaiting are used in a thousand different ways. The dresses that require more luxurious materials can be made from the satins, water-green silk—a revival of the First Empire—and the rich shades of red and purple velvet. The beautiful net and spangled net robes can be easily adapted for many of the picturesque dresses of bygone days. Some of the new designs in spangles are really marvellous. One brilliant gown, a most entirely covered with pear-shaped drops in pinkish mauve, the under side of which showed an iridescent green was arranged with the spangles covering the hip portion of the skirt and dropping in deep V-shaped points down to the knee. There a hand of band-painted pink chiffon was inserted. The bodice would, of course, be arranged to suit the period or character chosen and could be finished with a deep girdle of shaded, velvet, showing tones of rose and green and mauve, all of them in somewhat indeterminate hues, and could be drawn up almost to the arm seam at the sides, and sloped sharply back and front. Many a pretty and picturesque dress is ruined by the appearance of the sleeve. This year the home dressmaker as well as the fashionable modiste, can find in the modern sleeve merely an adaptation from the past, and with the help of a good pattern should have no difficulty in making really graceful sleeves belonging to any period. Half the secret of the sleeve's success is the clever arrangement of its fulness. It must widen below the elbow whether in a bag-like puff or a long flowing drapery.

Skipping-rope exercise is Diana's newest diversion. It is bound to be popular because it is simple, inexpensive, and puts the finishing touches to the figure making it lithee and graceful. One of the chief factors of grace is perfect command of equilibrium which can be acquired by any exercise that gives confidence. As a waist reducer, skipping the rope is a positive delight. By its means, is used faithfully every day, the waist will gradually taper into sylph-like proportions. Excess of circumference below the waist is another problem over which many a woman has worried, for inordinately large hips will spoil the effect of an otherwise good figure, to say nothing of disastrouse effects to smart gowns. No perfection of cut will hide the presence of over-much flesh. To reduce the girth of the hips, stand upon a slight elevation of three or four inches from the floor, with the weight on one leg. Relax the other leg, and with the power from the thigh, first swing the relaxed leg forward and backward ; then swing it in a circle around the strong leg. During these swinging leg movements keep a steady poise ; the body from the hips upward must be quite motionless. Then take a skip and a jump over the rope. Repeat this twenty times. Another one equally as good, is to bond the knees and rise on the balls of the feet rapidly, half a dozen times or more taking a skip and a jump between each bend. Correct breathing is a very important part of the rope-skipping exerises. Not old-fashioned, every day breathing, but with modern improvements - rhythmic breathing, as they call it—and it is useless for anyone to try to be bewitching and charming unless she practise rhythmic breathing. It gives well-rounded outlines and beautiful curves.

With the body erect, the head and chest upright, the weight resting lightly on the balls of the feet, while the heels just touch the floor, in hale slowly and smoothly, swelling out the lower chest. While inhaling, slowly raise both arms, the rope in the hands, as if they were lifted by the breath. Inhale until the arms are nearly on a level with the shoulders, where they are held for a few seconds. Then skip lightly over the rope. Exhale slowly and gradually, at the same time lowering the arms. Alternate the inhaling and exhaling with a skip and a jump. Don't breathe through the mouth, but through the nostrils, and don't breathe impure dust-laden air. Stand by an open window, unless the exercise is taken out of doors. The more fresh air you can breathe in daily the more sparkling will be the eyes, the more glowing the cheeks. It is no use trying every form of athletics. Rope skipping, and wand-waving, with dumbbells and Indian clubs for incidental exercises, are sufficient. Sitting or standing always preserves the figure, because it keeps the muscles firm and well-strung, and prevents the sinking down of the flesh round the hips and waist, so common in women over thirty. With practice, this erectness of poise will, in time, become second nature, and the fine form, which is an essential element of real beauty, may be retained. In many of the new cotillon figures a graceful skip is included. Statue figures, too, requiring considerable poise and figure control are also likely to be popular.

Girls seem never to weary of muffs for favours This year they are particularly pretty, made of pale pink tulle-covered satin, with rather small round centres, and full of fluffy ends, on which is fastened row upon row of tulle ruching. The orchid muff is more of a pouch in shape, and the hydrangea muff is made of the most delicate mother-of-pearl shades, Chiffon is gathered up in a huge soft bow at the top, where its dainty pink and blue loops blend with the tints of the large sprays of the changeable pink and blue flowers. Baskets have the advantage of being easily carried, and they look well with almost any gown. There will be exquisite little Trianon affairs, all gold and dainty pasted shaded flowers used this season. Some Indian ones will be seen and the Oriental weavers will be liked. Whatever will hold a mass of flowers is sure to prove successful, since there is nothing more attractive and decorative, provided the shades go with those used in the room. One of the new bag models—for every cotillon has its bag favours now is of pale pink antique brocade, embroidered with a beautiful spray of ribbon roses. There is gold lace round the top and the bottom and the drawing strings are of bright gold cord.

For the men a purple satin Directoire hat, with gilt braid and buttoss, and a cockade of gauze ribbon and roses, is wonderfully effective and if the hats are worn the result is as picturesque as is possible to secure with black evening clothes. Among the wands to be used, one of the prettiest is that which has a broad, fanshaped top, of which is covered with green gauze ribbon and the other half a lattice work of silver tinsel. Two large roses and one of a paler shade are caught on the centre and rim of the fan, and there is a large fluffy green bow at the base of the rib part which streams down the silver pole. The entire fan is outlined with tinsel. Gauze ribbon will be much in vogue for favour decorations and parasol. Those dainty Dolly Varden affairs are rendered prettier than ever by ornamentations of large gauze bow and loops of a shade contrasting with that of the parasol. The Mother Goose wand is a decided novelty. On the top of a gilded pole rests a little cart drawn by a goose, and in the seat behind sits the patron saint of the nursery. There is very real-looking green grass upon which the cart wheels stand, and the whole is trimmed with scarlet ribbons. Like a tip net is another wand favour. Instead of a real net there is a bag-like affair of sea-green gauze while around the circular rim are fastened goldfis . which are so natural-looking as to suggest that the dancer is already suppli d with a good "catch." The maypole is effective, with the silver strands and various coloured ribbons, to which are attached little gilt or silver bells, and the whole trimmed with a wreath and top cluster of roses. Musical instruments are always good fun, and these may be nothing more than silver paper covered flutes and horns wound with ribbons and blossoms. If they are the sort that can be played on all the better for a musical figure is a pretty feature. Many of the new favours can be made at home by the ingenious girl who desires to give a cotillon and present her friends with some of her own handiwork. A point to remember in designing favours is the harmony of colours it is also wise to select tints and designs which will enhance the beauty of the wearer and her dress.

Fresh air, simple gymanastics, emancipation from corsets, and a common-sense diet—such is the "health prescription" which enabled Miss Annie Oxley, of Sheffield, to win the championship of England in the recent physical culture competition ot Leeds- Mr F. V. Pearson, instructor of the physical culture classes at Sheffield, has given an interesting decription of the training undergone by Miss Oxley. He has received many letters from women asking the secret of Miss Oxley's success, and Mr. Pearson summarises it as above. "Miss Oxley joined my classes eighteen months ago," he says, "not with the intention of obtaining abnormal muscular development, merely to maintain, and if possible increase, the good health she already possessed. "She devoted from ten minutes to three quarters of an hour a day to physical exercises, followed natural hygienic principles of living, and slept with the windows of her bedroom wide open. "Finding that the 'bending' exercises prescribed by me could not be performed properly while wearing corsets, Miss Oxley discarded them. She is firmly convinced that they are unhealthy and unnecessary, restricting natural breathing and preventing proper circulation of the blood. "Miss Oxley practised simple breathing exercises—a series of trunk movements intended to increase breathing capacity—and other exercises which strengthened the various muscles. She was very fond of the running maze for which I always play the piano. My experience has been that music has an enhilarating effect on the nerves of my pupils. By peristently practising these exercises, Miss Oxley gained in six months three inches around the hip an increase of one inch in chest expansion, and a general increase on all the limbs. Her diet has been plain and varied She has devoted some of her time to walking, cycling, and swimming."

CYCLING AND MOTORING AT HOME.

LONDON, DECEMBER 4th.

THE Holbeach Rural District Council have always been notorious for their vindictiveness towards cyclists and the ill will which they have from the earliest days of the pastime manifested against wheelmen is to be extended to the motoring world. At a recent meeting of the Council the question of limit for motor cars was under discussion and the resolution was unanimously passed that a ten mile an hour limit should be imposed on cars travelling over the roads under the Council's jurisdiction. The Holbeach Rural District Council is mainly composed of local farmers, skilled no doubt in turnips and growing crops but totally ignorant of the requirements of the outer world and the safety of the modern motorcar. These wise men objected to put up warning notice boards for the benefit of motorists and displayed the extent of their animosity by expressing the opinion that the tax on motor cars should be £50 and on motor cycles £10. They may be little gods in the estimation of the local rustics, but they are rapidly making themselves the laughing stock of other more advanced councils.

At the commencement of the 1902-3 season the cycle trade anticipated a very sucessful and prosperous season which no doubt would have materialized had the weather been at all favourable for the pastime. As it was, 1902 proved the wettest year on record, and the outputs of the leading cycle firms were considerably reduced in consequence, not below what might have been the case had the season been more suitable. Take the profits of fourteen of the leading cycle firms for 1932-3 and compare then with the two previous trading years. In 1902-3 the total profits of the fourteen companies amounted to £137,892 in 1901-2 they were £120,128 and in 1900-1 £66,533, truely a great advance in a matter of two years and a state of affairs that may be looked upon with satisfaction. The increase of profits, in spite of the fact that prices have been cut down all round shows that the cycle firms are now on a more thorough business basis. Better organisation in the works and offices economy in expenditure, are producing their natural results.

Have the recent cycle shows been a financiae success? Of course to everyone who visited the exhibitions at the Agricultural Hall and the Crystal Palace, and saw the closely packed stalls and the large corwd of visitors it was clear that the promoters were recouping themselves for their Labours but we are thinking of the exhibitors when we question the success of the exhibitions. Personally we think that the amount of business done either fell short of former years, or else the manufacturers have dropped the habit they had of gassing over the number of orders booked. Not a single exhibitor who has crossed our path has spoken of having done wonderful business. There was business knocking about, but it is a general feeling that the manufacturers were not satisfied and that thei rely on following orders to cover the expenses of exhibiting. The truth is that cycle agent now-a-days attend the shows to see the best thing in cycle, and instead of booking delivery of machines with the hope of selling them afterwards first get the enquiry and buy only against order.

Ever since the annual cycle shows were inaugurated the exhibitors of accessories and small parts have suffered loss at the hands of small boys' who find the occasion favourable for committing petty thefts from the stalls when the students' attention is drawn elsewhere. This year's shows have proved no exception to the rule and one firm having missed several small articles set a careful watch with the view of discovering the culprits. In this they were sucessful for very soon they changht two lads in the very act of pilfering. With the view of frightening the boy and outside policeman was called in and the lads given in charge. Although the firm did not intend to prosecute, they were persuaded to do so by other members of the trade who considered that the two lads should be made examples of. It is to be hoped that the action will deter other boys from indulging in similar tactics at future shows.

What vast improvements have been made in the matter of brakes during the past few years not only with regard to their power of retardation but also in the neatness of their general appearance. The first great step in advancement was the introduction and general adoption of the rim brake. It was quickly proved to be the ideal brake for cycles, and makers devoted their whole attention to improvements retaining the principle of the brake for their ground work. The result may be seen in the brake of to-day. The wires are invariably concealed within the tubing, and the levers and cranking arrangements are so neat and reduced in proportion, that they prove no disfigurement to the machine. One of the latest improvements is a spring horse-shoe, which permits of the removal of the wheel without necessitating the displacement of the brake fittings.

It is now definitely decided to erect an indoor cycle tracks in Paris ; indeed the work has already been put in hand and is expected to be completed about December 25th. The site of the new track is the "Galerie des Machines" in the Champs des Mars, and is let by the City authorities to Mons. Fremont until the end of December, 1904, at a rental of £1,000. Should however, the City of Paris require the site after the 1st June, the lessee has no redress.

Another instance of the advantage of being a private member of the National Cyclists' Union is given in a running down case wherein a member of the Union obtained compensation to the tune of £1 3s. 9d. Mr. Tack, the member in question, was riding with some friends in Kensington, when a cabman turned a corner on his wrong side and nearly ran the wheelman down. Upon being expostulated with he turned his cab round and deliberately knocked Mr Tyack off his machine. The London Centre of the N. C.U. took the case up and through its solicitor obtained the above compensation for its member. The European team of racing men who are riding the six days' race at Madison Square Gardens, New York, are in charge of the wellknown American trainer, Tom Eck. Unfortunately the extremely cold weather experienced in New York has prevented the members of the team indulging in that amount of training they could have done with.

When a tyre has been worn to the canvas, it should not be used any longer, but sent to the makers to have a new tread fitted. A Company who make a speciality of this feature is the Dunlop Tyre Co. The work is accurately exeuted by the Company's own patent appliances, which ensures the tread being vulcanised in the most thorough manner.

VERNACULAR SCHOOL READING BOOKS.

THE Bombay Educational Department have issued the following Press Communique :—

Some misapprehension exists as to the course to be pursued by the Committee appointed to revise the vernacular series of reading books in this Presidency. The contents of the new series of readers will consist of—(1) lessons selected from the existing readers, revised or reconstructed ; (2) new lessons, the majority of which will be original and composed of materials selected from material existing in the vernaculars. Where, however, the nature of the subject is such as to necessitate it, recourse will be had to European and English authorities and materia, but the lessons will not be more translations of English originals.

The Committee has been authorised to invite, and has invited the co-operation and assistance of scholars and experts in the Presidency, and the President will be glad to reply to any inquiries made as to the scope and nature of the work which the Committee have undertaken.

THANA MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LIST.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE,"

SIR,—I herewith enclose a list of voters of the Thana Municipality published on the 15th Instant by the Secretary, Thana Municipality. I find that there are 918 voters, viz, 6 Europeans, 148 Native Christians, 14 Jews, 611 Hindus, 63 Parsis, and 46 Mahomedans. I find that Europeans and Native Christians cannot avail themselves of the franchise at the forthcoming general election as their names have been incorrectly published and should they appear at the following place, their votes will be objected by the Municipal Authorities. The voters' list itself is in the shape of a "Janma Patrika" and it should be improved. I find that there are many Europeans, Native Christians, Parsis, Jews and Mahomedans who are entitled to enrol themselves as voters as required by Section 11 of Act 3 of the District Municipal Act but whose names do not appear in the list. I write this that the authorities will see the defects and make them good in time.—Yours, &c.,

A NATIVE CHRISTIAN.

Thana, December 23.

THOSE who have travelled on the Isle of Wight Railway between Newport and Cowes will recall the pretty little wayside station of Whippingham the nearest to the Royal residence of Osborne. Whippingham, the "Gentlewoman" points out, not only has the honour of its Royal connexion but it is unique in its staff, for the duties of station-master, booking-clerk, porter, gatekeeper, collector and signalman are attended to by one and the same person—a woman. Mrs. Newcod has been performing these multifarious duties for ten years, and even they do not exhaust her energies, for she is responsible to a large extent for the neatness and trimness of the pretty station garden.

THE BOMBAY HUNT.

CHRISTMAS EVE. Happy are we above our fellow foxhunters at Home in that no consideration of climatic conditions need disturb our thoughts as we scan the list of fixtures for the holiday season. No fear of our being debarred from our favourite sport by the icy hand of King Frost and condemned to listen to the hum of the skate and the merry laughter of the skaters till, perchance, bored by inaction we, ourselves, while scarce restraining outward expression of the bitter disappointment rankling in our breasts, adorn our pedal extremities with blades of steel in place of the wonted spurs and mingle with the happy throng whose positively aggressive happiness serves only to accentuate the bitterness of our own feelings. But enough, we of the Salsette country know nought of this and on Christmas Eve a merry company assembled at the trysting place, Santa Cruz, and in eager expectancy of good things to come, jogged after the Master to one of the well-known and prolific coverts near at hand. One moment of suspense then the joyous whimper which proclaims a find, followed by that full-toned burst of glorious music, sweeter far to the devotees of the chase than any other earthly melody, On, on

For the beauties are racing before us
Not a nose to the earth, not a stern in the air
And we know by the notes of that modified chorus
How straight we must ride if we wish to be there.

From the covert where we found him our jack led us at best pace over much Melon Ground straight to Sahar Hill, where several hurrying sportsmen in trying to avoid crossing the stony summit slipped round the base and accidentally galloped across the intended course of our quarry, and now shamefacedly enough, to give them their due, awaited in submissive silence the expected reproof of our Master. This little incident calls to mind an old story which though it has little or no bearing on the present case and is probably familiar to most foxhunters will stand retelling for the benefit of those who know it not. A well-known and highly-esteemed veteran, M. F. H., hunting a district within reach of Aldershot is reputed to have been very much perturbed by the hard riding proclivities of some of his gallant followers and in expatiating on his woes thus described the order of the chase : "First comes the general, then the fox, then the rest of the Aldershot contingent, and then my hounds."

Doubling back our quarry led us once more around the Hill and away over more Melon Ground and across the pipe line, some little distance to the left of Sahar village and on at an ever-increasing pace to the Andheri Road now heading for Powai, on we race flying in our stride the pleasant succession of banks and fences and finally arrive at the foot of the very hill on which our jack of last Sunday ran to earth. And here all but the Master and Stacey dismount to give their panting steeds a well-earned breather, while hounds hunt on in determined fashion, now on this side of the hill, now on that, round an round they go, the jack determined to stick to his stronghold, hounds equally determined to bustle him out, but as there was very little likelihood of getting any further run, and as the morning was still young the Master decided to call hounds off, and draw again.

Thirty-five minutes at fastest speed over excellent country, briefly summarises the gallop which I have—alas! so imperfectly—described. And as we jog along behind the pack in the direction of the Sahar coverts, which the Master had decided was to be the next draw, hounds hit off the line of a travelling jack and led us at moderate pace across the pipe some short distance from Sahar village and away down the Bomanwadi valley, hounds hunting in somewhat uncertain fashion towards the Andheri Road, just short of which there is a momentary check and here one gallant steed in negotiating a small bank turned a complete somersault but this astonishing circus feat was fortunately unattended by any injury.

The Master making a wide cast round hounds again picked up the line and carried it over the Andheri Road and through the Mango Tope on the far side for some distance but here scent completely failed and as it was now too late to draw again we made our way home having had a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

JACKAL.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Mr. J. F. B. Hotson, I. C. S., Superintendent of Managed Estates in Kathiawar, becomes a Magistrate of the First Class within the Kathiawar Agency.

Mr. S. Schmuck, Consul for Germany at Aden, resumed charge of his office on the 7th November.

Mr. E. L. Rodgers, Consular Agent for the United States of America at Karachi, resumed charge of his office on the 17th November.

Mr. D. McIvor, Consul for Belgium at Karachi has resumed charge of his office.

Mr. J. C Gloster, I. C. S., acting Judge and Sessions Judge, Belgaum, is granted with effect from the date of his relief, such privilege leave as may be due to him on that date in combination with furlough up to the 31st October.

Mr. F. J. A. Hill, Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue, Bombay, has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. C. S. Campbell, I.C. S., Assistant Collector, Khandesh, is allowed privilege leave for three months.

Mr. W. U. Nicholas is appointed a member of the Karachi Port Trust vice Mr. Kenyon, resigned.

Mr. W. C. Tudor-Owen, I. C. S., Assistant Collector and Magistrate of the First Class in the district of Belgaum, is invested with additional powers.

Captain W. C. W. Hawkes Cantonment Magistrate, Karachi and Magistrate of the First Class in the district of Karachi, is invested with additional powers.

The following promotions vice Mr. F. L. Goldsmid retired have been made :—

Mr. E. V. Mackay to be First Grade Superintendent of Police. Mr. C. A. B. Beatty to be Second Grade Superintendent of Police. Mr. J. V. Cooke to be Third Grade Superintendent of Police. Mr. W. H. Luck to be Fourth Grade Superintendent of Police. Mr. T. S. Greenaway to be Fifth Grade Superintendent of Police. Mr. G. H. White to be First Grade Assistant Superintendent of Police.

The Reverend C. F. W. Hatchell, B.A., on return from furlough, becomes Chaplain of Aden Camp.

The Reverend J. H. Beck, M.A., becomes Chaplain of Baroda.

The Reverend W. B. Preston, M.A., is appointed Chaplain of Mount Abu.

The Reverend L. M. Haslope M.A., becomes Chaplain of Rajkot, visiting Bhavnagar and Bhuj.

Mr. K. Hewlett, M.R.C.V.S., I.C.V.D., Assistant Principal, Bombay Veterinary College, was in charge of the office of Principal of the College, in addition to his own duties from the 22nd November till the date of his relief by Veterinary-Major J Brodie Mills, M.R.C.V.S., I.C.V.D.

Captain S. Evans, M. B., I. M. S., was appointed to act as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Central Registration District, in addition to his own duties, from the 12th to 22nd November.

On relief by Captain F. H. Westropp, R.E., Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, Mr. E. O. Mawson Execution Engineer, 2nd Grade, is placed on special duty under the direct orders of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in connection with the investigation of possible Irrigation schemes in Gujarat.

Mr. A. H. Whyte, Assistant Engineer, 3rd Grade, passed on 15th December a colloquial examination in Marathi.

Mr. C. Johnston, Assoc. M. I. C. E, Engineer under covenant, passed on the 8th December a colloquial examination in Sindhi.

THE GOVERNOR'S LEVEE.

The following gentlemen were unavoidably prevented from attending his Excellency the Governor's Levee on the 22nd instant :—

Mr E B Jardine	Mr B Holyoak
Mr C B Jeafferson	Mr W W White
Mr E Scarpa	Capt J Marsland, B V A
Mr Arthur Hoane	Mr T Zuberbuhler
Major Collis Barry I.M.S.	Mr C S Randle
Mr A C Owen	Mr Edwin Yeo
Mr L Barraclough	Mr James P Chrystal
Mr Leighton B Ker	Mr Wm Ogden
Mr W C Symes	Mr C E McDonald
Mr J S Milne	Mr M N Walia
Mr R H Ireland	Rao Bahadur Currumsey Damji
Mr E H Burt	
Lt-Colonel Richard Baker I.M.S.	Mr R Paterson Brown
	Mr. Alister Forbes

ARRIVAL OF THE R. I. M. S. CLIVE.

THE Royal Indian Marine Steamer Clive, Commander W. G. Beauchamp arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta which port she left on the 15th December with the Government stores She will probably convey the pacified Boer prisoners, who are now at Ahmednagar, leaving Bombay on or about the 1st January for Durban.

THE Government of India will presumably soon be considering the question of expediting the progress of the Quetta-Nushki Railway line, whose importance does not seem likely to diminish. At present the construction is being carried on by a Superintendent of Works under the orders of the Chief Engineer of the North-Western Railway at Lahore, a system that must be more economical, it may be supposed, than speedy. An Engineer-in-Chief with a full staff of Assistants must be wanted if the line is to be carried through with due promptitude and one would have expected to see the appointments gazetted before so much of the working season has slipped away.

BIRDS AND A NOVEL.

SOME INDIAN FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES (John Murray). Under this title Lieut.-Colonel D.D. Cunningham has written a very pleasant volume, chiefly dealing with birds, but tailing off into remarks on monkeys, jackals, and smaller four-footed beasts, lizards, snakes, crocodiles, frogs and fish. Notes made during thirty years' observation of Indian outdoor life, and that mostly in Calcutta and round about it, are here amplified. There are little or no abstruse scientific data, but scores of accurate accounts of familiar birds and animals with incidents in which they figured in ordinary daily life. It will surprise many residents in India to be spoken to about the fauna of a town, but that there are both numerous and varied, and that the different species pursue the even tenor of their natural life in the midst of the city's alarms Colonel Cunningham proves. We are familiar in our own suburban gardens with what he calls "the riotous drinking parties that are held by many kinds of birds every morning while the silk-cotton trees are in bloom" and with the flying foxes that "hang and wrangle" in the fruit trees during the heat of the day, swinging furtively away to devour when night's mantle charitably descends and conceals their depredations. Every one who observes does not make notes for the benefit of his fellows, and a large meed of gratitude is due to the kindly conscientious man who does share his quaint memories with other less leisured or lucky folk. Even of our commonest Indian birds there is much that is interesting to note ; for instance :—

"Mynas always make themselves entirely at home in a house, taking it completely for granted that they are quite at liberty to drop in and stay whenever and for as long as they like. Even when the open spaces above the railings of a verandah are netted or wired up, they refuse to recognise it as a notice of warning against trespass, but squeeze their way in between the rails whenever the whim seizes them to do so. They persist in asserting a right of way and never show any sense of guilt or confusion when detected, but merely quietly withdraw without any unseemly haste or flurry. In this they are curiously unlike crows, who are just as ready to pay uninvited visits, but who are so well aware that they ought not to do so, that the terrors of detection at once reduce them to a state of hopeless, helpless idiocy whenever they are caught poaching in a place from which there is no way of precipitate exit. There is, of course, this great difference in the two cases that the mynas have only looked in from civility or polite curiosity, whereas the crows have done so with felonious intent ; but even allowing this, it seems strange that a sense of guilt should lead such hardened and habitual criminals as crows are to lose their heads so completely as they do in such a case."

The Indian crow excited the fury of this writer as it has maddened every one who ever lived in this land of the open door.

"An impishly clever bird." "Even the most depraved magpie seems to be subject to occasional fits of comparative innocence, during which his appetite for malignant mischief slumbers, but this can hardly be said of the crow, who, even when you think him fully occupied in attending to his own affairs, even when busily feeding or in all the throng of nest-building seems to have an eye open all the time for any opportunity for wanton mischief, and whose keen sense of humour and restless energy seem hardly ever to flag."

At their roosting time they are as unwearied in wickedness as in the fresh morning hours.

"Every now and then one of the company seems to make a remark or tell a story that shocks even their depraved sense of propriety, and a general dispersion takes place amid loud cries of reprobation ; but the desire for further scanda [redacted] them all back, and it is only after sever [redacted] ruptions that they finally separate for [redacted]

Our Bombay crows must be of a [redacted] nature than the Calcutta tribe, for Col [redacted] nam observed that they ordinarily [redacted] though on moonlight nights "drow [redacted] may be heard." Here under a brig [redacted] crows in the limits of the Fort make an unceasing jabber as residents of Elphinstone Circle can testify. It seems that the number of crows in Calcutta is very much in excess of the supply of food provided by the refuse of the streets, the crows overcrowd their town lodgings in a reckless way and should either be reduced in number or obliged to live where lies their legitimate occupation of scavenging. In Calcutta, as well as elsewhere in India, the kind offices of an Improvement Trust are wanted to reduce overcrowding. It is satisfactory to read that a crow never knows what it is to spend a dull moment, there being always mischief ready for him. But crows are not without some excellent qualities. They are devoted lovers and make faithful husbands and wives, and most affectionate parents. Though so noisy they do not quarrel much among themselves. If not positively grieved at the death of a member of their community, they are concerned and discuss the melancholy circumstance with every show of interest and vehemence. They have respect and even awe for the great Indian corbie, who is "a solemn, serious-minded bird, quite devoid of levity and intent on his own material interests."

There are notes on all the cuckoos, the innocent and quiet ones, as well as the maddening hot-weather bird, on bulbuls and harmless babblers, on doves and pigeons. Of these Colonel Cunningham has a justly low opinion, as far as their tempers are concerned :

"Spotted doves, like most of their relatives, are perfect whited sepulchres of envy, hatred and malice and are continually squabbling and fighting with one another and with other birds. How any kind of dove should ever have come to be regarded as harmless, must remain an insoluble problem, for even a very casual observation of their manners and customs is enough to show that their meek and peaceable air is an arrant fraud, veiling selfishness and ill-temper of the deepest dye.

Barbets, one of which is the lively and persistent coppersmith, are also, it seems, ill-natured birds, and are not, for this and other reasons, connected with their food, desirable acquisitions in an aviary. There is much here about the Dayals or Indian robins, with whose alert little wag-pie-like figures and cheerful song all Indian residents grow familiar, the frisky white-throated fantail is another of this tribe, an "elfishly alluring" bird. Honey-suckers and tailor-birds are visited in their haunts, and their useful treatment of flowers described, as well as the wholesome funk which warlike honey-suckers can establish in the hearts of their foes. Many other birds, great and small, are brought to our notice, and it will refresh the reader to find old friends while the descriptions are ample enough to assist in making new feathered acquaintances. The rest of the book tells much of reptiles common in our gardens, and of small creatures who inhabit, with or without our willing consent, our houses, wandering up and down the walls or scampering over the roof, or taking refuge in tanks and ponds, but they are all parts of the every-day life and experience of the residents in Indian bungalows.

LUCIAN, THE DREAMER, by I. S. Fletcher (Methuen), is an interesting story of an orphan boy, son of an Italian artist and the daughter of an English farmer who inherits most of his character from his father. Left alone in the world he reverts to his grandfather's house near an English village, and it is soon seen that he is different in every way from the usual type of farmer's son. As a promising, dreamy student, he is sent to a grammar school, but after a fortnight he writes, in a characteristic letter to Mr. Pepperdine, his grandfather, his own views as to his education :

"I am perfectly content with my surroundings and my new friends, but I greatly fear that this system of education will not suit me. I am not quick at learning anything—I have to read a thing over and over again before I arrive at the true significance—the system of education here, however requires one to learn many things in quite a short time. It reminds me of the man who taught twelve parrots all at once.

"I am anxious to be amenable to your wishes, but I think I shall waste time here. If I could have my own way I should like to have Mr. Chilverstone for a tutor because he is a man of understanding and patience, and would fully explain everything to me. I am not easy in my mind here, though quite so in my body. Everybody is very kind and the life is comfortable, but I do not think Dr. Babbacombe or his masters are great savants, though they are gracious and estimable gentlemen."

This sagacious letter of a twelve-year-old boy, when shown to the Vicar, decided his fate. Mr. Childerstone undertook his education and all went well until the arrival of the Vicar's daughter, Sprats. Lucian was furiously jealous at the idea of any one, and a girl at that, coming between him and his teacher, and sulked in his own peculiar way. For two days he kept his feelings to himself, but on the third, he could contain them no longer, and as he returned from his lessons :

"He sat down on a stone heap on the side of the road, and began to swear in Italian. He swore freely and fluently until he had exhausted that eloquent vocabulary which one may pick up in Naples and Venice and in the purlieus of Hatton Garden and when he had finished, he began it all over again, and repeated it with as much fervour as one should display if one is honest, in reciting the Rosary. This saved him from apoplexy, but the blood grew black within him and his soul was scratched. It had been no part of Lucian's plans for the future that Sprats should come between him and his friend."

Two days later when he had not been near the Vicar, and still with rage in his heart, he found Boggles a rustic hoeing turnips, and offering to let him hear some Italian :

"Treated Baggles to a string of [illegible] delivered with native force and energy, [illegible] of his eyes and teeth until the [illegible] to feel frightened.

"Lord Sakes, Master Lucian, one [illegible] you was goin' to murder somebody—you [illegible]. It's a queer sort o' language that [illegible] heard now's like it. It flays a body."

"It is the most delightful [illegible] the world when you want to swear, said [illegible].

"Nonsense. It isn't a patch [illegible]. You wait till I get over the hedge and [illegible] you," [illegible] ringing and very authoritative [illegible]. [illegible] twice as much as that."

And Miss Sprats sprang [illegible] the hedge and Lucian was utterly dumb[illegible]. The influence of this girl and the mitigation of Lucian's serious moods brought about by her healthier instincts is soon apparent. Lucian when grown up has a rapid success as a poet. Mr. Fletcher displays considerable knowledge of character in the [illegible] tion of his hero's irresponsible life which is a [illegible] one up to a certain point. When trouble [illegible] upon him it is in the crudest form, [illegible] chapters which bring him to South [illegible] up to the mark of the rest of [illegible]

[illegible] CHRISTMAS STORY.

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"[illegible] replied Dink, facetiously. "I [illegible] some sorghum, an' some eggs, an' [illegible] peaches. Got groceries in that [illegible], 'n' small tricks fer the kids in [illegible] basket. Stop yer howlin', ye Dan'el [illegible]."

[illegible] in the wagon whined and subsided. "[illegible] yer ol' [illegible] hain't erlong with ye?" [illegible] Pop Baker.

"[illegible] guess ye h[illegible]red thet we got a boy yistid-day," returned [illegible] hill man. "Yes, by the great horn [illegible] got 'im, Pop! An' looky here what [illegible] 'im—now! Yes ye wait—I'll strike a [illegible]. Ye shorely must see them thar [illegible]."

[illegible] of several matches a small pair of [illegible] were exhibited, handled and commen-[illegible]. Pop Baker's face was a study.

"[illegible] waal!" he said, much impressed, "thar 's [illegible] grow up ter fit. Um-m-m! Dink I d 'a 'got [illegible] hev fotched me a pair o' themef ever I 'd 'a' [illegible] such things war. Whar did ye git 'em?"

"[illegible] umin a winder," said Dink, solemnly. "[illegible] Injun, Pop, I war so 'feard they 'd be sold [illegible] got back a-callin' my hawg. I jes went in [illegible], an' [illegible] storekeep' ter wrop 'em up 'n' [illegible] Dan'el Webster [illegible] guard 'em. He gimme jes [illegible] an hour. Dang my buttons ef the houn would [illegible] a pusson in the store! But I got them small [illegible], Pop! [illegible] beaut's, heh?"

"Them [illegible]," asserted Pop Baker, solemnly. "Ye air too [illegible] fer it ter last, Dink—a boy, 'n' strikin' [illegible]. Waal, I wisht ye merry Christ-mas! It air [illegible] cold, hain't it?"

"What [illegible] yerself?" quoth Dink, whose heart [illegible] under Pop's generous praise. "Ye [illegible] fine yerself, shorely."

Pop [illegible] it off airily.

"I [illegible] what Sandy Claws 'll do fer me," he said slowly. "I did mention ter jimpsey thet I 'd feel [illegible] middlin' ef the ol' chap 'd drap me a real [illegible] pup down the chimbly. Thet larst houn' I [illegible] outen Ase Blivin's breed war thet triflin [illegible] the neighbers prizened him. He clumb [illegible] passin' wagons. I wanter own a pup [illegible] some nateral orderstandin,' an' ef he [illegible] when he's growed up, he wull bite with [illegible]."

"Dawgs air truly gittin' might' triflin' these days," commented Dink, leaning back. "But, Pop, I 'm goin' ter give ye suthin' I got right off a rale [illegible] Sandy Claws pack up in town. An' don't ye open it tell ye git it home, an' ye gits yer fire a-goin, good an' air settin' roun' thar. Then ye puts yer box on a cheer 'n' ye turns on the leetle wire. Dern it all, but I wisht I war thar when ye does it! Ye 're sech a sport yerself thet I hates ter miss it."

"Hain't I robbin o' ye?" asked Pop Baker, politely, although he was leaning far over and reaching out his hand in the wildest curiosity.

"Naw, naw; the feller threw thet thar tricky in—an' I got some other stuff. I 'll jes keep a- bustin' ter-morrer ter think o'ye an' thet box. Waall, here 's ter yer Christmas in the mornin, Pop! So long, ye!"

Pop Baker clasped the small, hard parcel ecstatically to his breast while mechanically holding the reins. Bully Boy seemed to realize the importance of haste as he fairly bounded on, dragging The Other without any mercy. They rattled over the stony creek road, and finally reached the low house. In twenty minutes Pop Banker had given the mules a big feed in the barn, and was stirring up his carefully covered wood fire on the hearth with a pine stick. It struck him that the room was very nice and worm. The pine stick flared up high, and Pop Baker looked up at the high, rough mantelboard for the one small tin lamp that he possessed. A newglare struck his eye. On the shelf sat a shining glass lamp, with a clean chimney and full of oil.

"Don't thet heat anything in the hull world?" observed Pop Baker. "An' thet door hooked up ez keerful ez usual. Now I never calkilated ter own sech a 'lumination ez thet wull shorely make. Hain't shet purty? Dern it! it air too fine ter dirty up. It jes does me good ter say it settin' roun'. Whar 's my old one?"

He turned about, with his pine stick still blazing high. On his bed was a new patchedwork quilt. In his arm chair was a patchedwork cushion. The table on which he had that morning left some very dirty dishes was spread with a new red oil-cloth and on it were sundry parcels and covered pans.

"Sandy Claws hev gone inter tae feedin' business, hit 'pears like. Waal, I 'm seventyodd, 'n' he never lit in on me afore. Shorely we live ter l'arn these [illegible] dayses."

Delighted, he uncovered fresh bread and pies and cakes and a cold roasted rabbit. He lighted his tin lamp and stirred up a heartsome fire of great logs. The cabin glowed and grew gloriously warm. A friendly cricket chirped upon the hearth as he ate heartily and finally so out a large stone pitcher of hard cider. He poured in some molasses and then trust an iron poker through the red embers. On Pop Baker's face was a beautiful and tender light, in his blue eyes great love and faith in his fellow-men. The Christmas glow was in his heart, the Christmas peace brooding over him.

Then, and only then, he carefully pulled up a chair and unwrapped the little box Dink Smith had given him. It perched saucily upon the edge of the chair, and Pop sat down before it. He cut a long pine sliver carefully, and solemnly and breathlessly he touched the frail little wire fastening. Zip! it was open! There jumped up a rosy-faced, smiling Jack-in-the-box with a fringe of gray hair and a perky chin-beard. It stared right saucily at Pop Baker, and with the utmost indifference to his opinion. As for Pop, he was so amazed that he had no words. He stared and he retreated and he advanced, wholly fascinated. Then he put his hands down on his knees and he roared with laughter.

"Waal, I'm jes jee-whizzled ef hit ain't my pictur' ter a T! Sandy Claws must hev spotted me. An' I got on a blue night-gownd with posies on it. Hain't yer ol' Pop Baker dyked out fer Christmas? Waal, I never would hev b'lieved it, not ef ye'd told me fer years an' years; but thar I am, an' whut am I goin' ter do but b'lieve it? Waal, whut next? Do I shet up any more in thet box, er do I sleep a-standin'?"

He examined the toy with cautious fingers, but soon discovered the workings of the spring. At last he gently closed the box and deposited the precious thing beside the precious cheap glass lamp on the mantel-shelf.

"I could n't stan' Sandy Claws a doin' of much more," he said reverently, er the Almighty thet air marchin' erlong them stars. I calkilate them two pussons air erbout the same, me not bein' up much in religion. What in the dickens air up? Air my house on fire? Woo o-o!"

Far a bucket or two of water was suddenly poured down his big chimney, raising a thick white steam. As this diedaway a long pole let down an old basket, and with a violent lurch from above, the contents tumbled far out on the bare floor. It was a shrieking, howling black puppy, a beautiful curly little creature that trembled like a leaf when Pop Baker jumped to its rescue and folded it in his arms.

"Dern yer buttons up yan! would ye bake the dawg a-playin' of yer Sandy Claws? This air is shorely Jimpsey's doin's. Waal, they need n't 'a' put my fire out, need they, leetle Christmas? By gum, hain't he a beauty? Sech thick ha'r! I never have seen sech a pup. I bet he's got sense; I bet he's pure breed out o'suthin' 'sides them sneakin' ol'hill houn's. Thar, ye jes lie on my bed while I sees whe air playin' Sandy Claws on ter my roof. Oh, I hears ye goin' rattled down my clapboards, I does! Ye means well, ye means well. Ef this here hain't a Christmas ter be marked with a stone! The Lord bless'em all! I'm gittin'ter be ol', but ol' age air the bestes' time, the merries', free time. Sandy Claws never come a-nigh me tell now, an' I preciates hit. I likes the lamp, an' I likes that pictur' of me; but this hyah leetle pup—it's a livin', breathin' thing, an' it comes right nigh ter my heart. Seems like I got 'most everything that war in the hull world ter git. Mr. Sandy Claws er the Almighty, which air might' nigh the same thing, I thanks ye, wharever ye air."

The Christmas midnight, still solemn and holy, was on the hills. The old man slept calmly in the red light of smoldering embers. The jack-in-the-box had jumped out to see the commotion of the night before, and kept its stiff wooden arms extended toward him in benediction. Close, very close to the old man, one of whose work-worn hands lay on the thick curly fur, slept the fat little puppy that was to be his constant and faithful companion in the days to come.

THE KING'S INDIAN ORDERLIES.

One of the official announcements made on the occasion of the Delhi Durbar, on the 1st January, was to the effect that His Majesty the King-Emperor had graciously sanctioned the appointment of six Native Officers to serve on his personal Staff from time to time. The first batch were accordingly selected this year and proceeded to London for the summer months. The officers were in evidence at some of the public functions which his Majesty attended, and were also seen at Buckingham Palace on great State occasions. They were, naturally enough "inspected" with interest and curiosity by Royalty, while the British public gazed at them with the usual unblinking stare of the vulgar when they were seen in the streets. But the old craze for the soldier of the East, which reached such an extravagant height in the Jubilee year 1897, had apparently died away, and there were more of the absurd demonstrations which formerly took place. The officers themselves were probably well-pleased not to be pestered by attentions. But, all the same, their lot was not altogether a happy one, as would appear from information supplied to us by an old officer of the Indian Army. He states that they had many idle hours on heir hands and sadly lacked companionship. This was partly due to the mistake made by the Indian authorities in selecting men of six different races, not one of whom had anything in common with his companions. They could not mess together, and thus no intimacy grew up such as would make pleasant outings in company possible. Each man took his own way, and solitary figures could be occasionally seen wandering desolately in the crowded London thoroughfares. The selection, too, was an unhappy one, for in no sense could the Orderlies be said to be representative of the fighting classes of India, whom the King doubtless specially wished to honour. Thus there was only one representative of the Punjab and no trans-frontier man at all. As regards war service two were without medals and one had simply the [illegible] medal. Only one officer, the Sikh, had really adequate war service. Not a single one of them wore the Order of Merit, though there are over sixty Native Officers in the Punjab Command alone who have won the Indian Victoria Cross. In one instance certainly there was a striking lack of presence, looks and dignity which must have pained many a British Officer of the Indian Army who chanced to see the Orderlies in personal attendance on the King.—"Pioneer."

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GOLFING REVOLUTIONARIES.

(By E. H. Lacon Watson.)

After the event it is easy enough to say that these changes were inevitable. When golf became popular, when it overran England, America, and the Colonies, when some millions of new and unbiassed minds began to consider the game seriously and to cast about for various improvements in method or material, it was obvious that something was bound to happen. And yet the boldest of prophets might well have hesitated, twenty or thirty years ago, at the vision of his favourite game dominating the civilised world, of records multiplying day by day of the surprising combination of length and accuracy that distinguishes the modern player. For the golfer had ever been one of the most conservative of men. True, there had been improvements and alterations from time to time. Irons had come into use, skelping the green and cutting up huge divots to the annoyance and disgust of the old school and the green-keeper. The feather ball had been superseded by the ingenuity of the mechanic who melted down his whip handle into the gutta-percha missile—father of a thousand inventions. But the tradition of the game was still intact. There was a right and a wrong way of playing, though even then some restless youngsters were arguing that style was not everything and that the main point of the game was to propel the ball as far as possible in the required direction. The youngsters might talk, but the old school held sway over the minds of the golfing world preaching down revolutionary enthusiasm with a horde of careful maxims. "Don't press" was their cardinal motto: the player must swing at the ball and not hit, lest he perish miserably among the wines. They played cannily—the great men of old time—they revelled in the delicacies of the game, in the short approach and on the putting green. The modern slasher would call their method an old man's game. For clubs are improved, balls are livelier, courses are wider; the player is of a more athletic description and of larger views. Secretly, perhaps, he is a little contemptuous of his forerunners, the champions of old. They took three to get on this green, and behold! he finds himself there, with luck, in two full drives. The canny man of twenty years ago played to be short of that bunker: he carried it rejoicing with his tee-shot. They were well in their way, the heroes of the Badminton Golf but they have not quite realised the possibilities of the game. They were of the days before Haskell and Kempshall, the heavenly twins of Transatlantic ingnewitz; they knew nothing of spring-faced cleeks, of aluminium spoons and putters, of socketed drivers. And their main idea, the fetish that they blindly worshipped, was that ancient and mouldy maxim: "Don't press!"

The adoption of the rubber-cored ball has produced a craving among the younger generation for length at any price. It has opened to their eyes vistas of enormous possibilities: distance is everything; and they hit for all they are worth. The old easy swing is sadly put of fashion in these days: the drive most in evidence is a subtle combination of swing and hit—a hit followed through with the arms—the sort of stroke practised with success in the first instance by the late Lieutenant Tail. He used it with an iron restraint, but the player of to-day slashes merrily without fear of consequences. Sometimes he is a little off the line, but what matter? The sense of distance accomplished covers a multitude of trivial inconveniences. This is perhaps the necessary corollary of the use of rubber balls, at all events while the sensation of increased power is still tolerably fresh. The younger school, that was always prone to attach an exaggerated importance to the long game, thinks now more of driving than ever. It is natural enough. This is the athletic part of golf—the part at which he can hope to excel by reason of his natural gifts of superior physique and vitality. The rest, approaching and putting—particularly putting—is the old man's portion, which can be mastered by patience and application. The slashing driver is apt to look upon the opponent who persistently holes a long putt as the favourite of fortune rather than as a scientific exponent of a difficult part of the game. At the best, putting is in his eyes a manifestation of low cunning, unworthy to be ranked with the real glories of golf. It is the only feature of the game at which he can cheerfully confess his incapacity. It is irritating to overrun the hole or to be hopelessly short and to take two more to get down, but he feels no shame in his weakness. "I always was a rotten putter," he admits, walking off to the next tee, where he is easily consoled by getting in another mammoth drive. In his own mind he thinks putting is the one serious blot on an other wise fine game; perhaps already he is revolving schemes for minimising the importance of this unnecessary excrescence upon the fair tree of golf. In the club-house he begins to propound strange theories; that the hole should be enlarged, or that every stroke taken on the putting-green should be reckoned as a half instead of a whole. For, from his point of view, look at the absurdity of the result. Time after time he has reached the green in two to his opponent's three—in two magnificent drives of two hundred yards-apiece more or less. There remains a paltry little stroke of four or five yards necessary to put the ball into that irritating tin, and over this pottering old man's work, that a child could do with a walking-stick, two, perhaps three, more precious strokes have been wasted, each precisely as valuable as the two drives he smote, glorying in his strength, the face of it, he asks, is not this a sad defect in the game! Why should it not be altered? The spirit of revolution is abroad, has been abroad now for several years. Old rules have been wiped out and new ones formulated; new inventions in clubs and balls crowd in upon us from day to day. An alteration in the size of the hole is, after all, no more formid able a change than the adoption of the Haskell ball.

We do not seriously think that this proposition need occasion us much anxiety at present. Yet it is not a mere idle imagining of our own. There are several players—and players not altogether unknown in the higher circles of the game—who are professed advocates of the larger hole. Some urge that it should be twice the diameter of the present, hoping thereby to escape from the misery of missing a short putt. It does not seem to us that they would gain as much as they suppose by the alteration. The good putter would still hold a considerable advantage. But the essential principle of the game is against any change in this direction. The glory of golf has always been that here strength and science meet upon fairly equal terms, and the careful player can still go on improving his game until he is well past the meridian of life. Though he begins to fail in length of carry it is still in his power to compensate for waning strength by a closer attention to the niceties of the putting-green. This is the especial prerogative of the old, and it is rarely indeed that you shall find a golfer of fifty years or over who is not a past master in this department. Necessity is the best of teachers; the young slasher, when he too shall come to his half-country, will find himself glad enough to practise the short game. For golf is not as the ignorant do vainly talk, merely an old man's game nor yet entirely a young man's game: nor again, is it desirable that it should ever be either the one or the other. Its chief charm lies in the fact that it is adapted equally for all; that here young, old, and middle-aged have each their several province, and what is lost in one department can be remedied, wholly or in part, by a closer devotion to another. In no game, to our knowledge have the claims of pure skill and mere brute force been so equitably adjusted. The long driver has perhaps the keener pleasure; we do not grudge it to him; but he on his part should be ready to allow his due meed to the older and stiffer adversary who is forced to make amends for lack of elasticity in swing by the accuracy of his short game. As a rule he is ready enough to do so But the spirit of revolution is in the air and it is difficult to say where we shall stop. Possibly, in another ten years' time, we shall have that "shallow depression the size of a soup-plate" of which we have head certain friends talk longingly during the past few days.—"St. James Budget."

DREYFUS REVISION.

"NO REAL PROOF AGAINST EX-CAPTAIN DREYFUS."

M. Jaures's paper, the "Dépêche de Toulouse," gives the following information in regard to the reopening of the Dreyfus affair:—In consequence of the examination made by the Minister of War, the conclusion is said to have been arrived at that the annotated bordereau did not figure in the dossier at the Rennes trial. But it was not proved that the forgery did not exist outside the dossier. The inquiry showed that the witness Czernuschi gave false evidence. But the specially serious fact which would justify the revision of the trial is that it was shown, according to the "Depeche de Toulouse," that evidence, the falsity of which was known to those who gave it, was produced at the Rennes trial, and that forged or falsified documents were shown to the judges. Several persons in high positions are said to be implicated in the affair. In conclusion, the journal says it is reported that the examination of the dossier, including the secret part, led to the conviction that no real proof, material or moral, exists against ex-Captain Dreyfus. On the other hand, all the presumptions of guilt against Esterhazy are said to be justified.

The "Gaulois" states that the ex-Archivist Gribelin has made no retraction or confession whatever.

Perhaps the most important feature in the present aspect of the affairs, says the "Times" correspondent, is the evident determination of the Government to exclude it from all discussion in Parliament, and thus to preserve its purely judicial character. It is gratifying to note that there is a general feeling among the more enlightened and moderate elements of all parties that the "affaire" should not be again followed to acquire political significance. To judge by the reception of the semi-official communique the case has already lost its power of exciting popular passion.

A Day at "'Appy 'Ampstead" is thoroughly enjoyed by the East End poor as is amply proved by the immense crowds who flock there every Bank Holiday. The pure air and bracing atmosphere to be found on the breezy heights of Highgate and its neighbourhood cannot fail to benefit those who can only spend a few hours in their midst. Holidays, however, cannot be fully enjoyed by those persons who are suffering from disease. Holloway's Pills and Ointment can speedily remove this drawback to pleasure if a fair trial is only afforded them. As a cure for rheumatism, gout, fevers, diarrhoea, diseases of the skin, scrofula, ulcers, sores, burns, or old wounds, they are beyond competition.

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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

The announcement that Mr. Lloyd-George, M.P. and the Bishop of St. Asaph will meet on December 16 on the same platfrom at Carnarvon to advocate a common Education cause—the North Wales University College building fund—reminds a correspondent of a good story of these controversialist when, in the early nineties, they were fighting furiously over Welsh Disestablishment. Mr. Lloyd-George first made his name as a public speaker by following the Bishop about and replying to his Church Defence speeches. There was hard hitting on both sides. At one of Mr. Lloyd-George's reply meetings in Flintshire the chairman—a Welsh deacon, with strong convictions but no sense of humour—introduced Mr. Lloyd-George thus: Gentlemen, I have to introduce to you to night the member for the Carnarvon Boroughs. He has come here to reply to what the Bishop of St. Asaph said the other night about Welsh Disestablishment. . . . In my opinion, gentlemen, that Bishop of St. Asaph is one of the biggest liars in creashon; but, thank God—yes, thank God—we have a match for him to-night. The story is told with great gusto by Mr. Lloyd-George himself.

"It is in many respects the very thing." So wrote Macaulay at the time of his purchase of the lease of Holly Lodge, Campden Hill, where a tablet to his memory is to be unveiled to-day by Lord Rosebery. Dean Milman and the Duchess of Argyll had persuaded Macaulay to take the house, which has a fine garden, boasting in Macaulay's time of nothing over thirty feet in height. One of Macaulay's first acts on going in to residence was to ask for a list of the parochial charities and to take a seat in the parish church.

A North-country editor, in some reminiscences of the late Henry Seton Merriman, the novelist, in "T.P.'s Weekly," says: Almost his earliest work was Young Mistley, a wonderful study of frontier life in India, which was published originally and anonymously in the Tauchnitz series, and has now been long out of print. Merriman's father had a strong objection to his son taking up a literary career. . . . Once the elder man spoke strongly about the uncertainty of the literary career, and its demand for special gifts, and pointed his argument by taking up a novel, Young Mistley, and saying, Now, if you could write li e this man, Hugh, it would be another matter altogether. Even under this temptation, it is said, the young novelist refrained from claiming the authorship of the book.

As a result of the French interdiction of religious orders, England, it is said, has received about 6,000 monks and nuns. Some 1,800 have gone to the United States, and about 1,100 to Canada. Monks and nuns have come in about equal numbers to England, and the convents and monasteries have been increased by about 602 by the influx. In the diocese of Southwark alone thirty-one new missions have been opened. Throughout the country forty-seven new convent shools were established last year. The exiles have brought a considerable sum of money with them.

In an article by A. Fowler, F.R.A.S., in the December number of "Knowledge," we read that, nothwithstanding the divergence of opinion on some points, there is a general acquiescence in the view that the matter composing the stars is essentially the same as that with which we are acquainted on the earth. Investigations are still in progress in many lands, and the writer thinks it is not too much to expect that sooner or later the story of celestial evolution will be completely elucidated.

The change in the weather has already sent up prices for forced flowers. Roman hyacinths, with twelve sprays in a bunch, are making as much as is wholesale. Mermet roses have gone up suddenly 25 per cent, in value. White liliums are fetching 4s, a bunch first hand and French white lilac commands 5s, a bunch. Specimen blooms of chrysanthemums at 2s. per twelve represents 24s, a dozen bunches, Carnations are priced at 3s. a bunch. It looks as if fancy prices would rule this Christmas in the flower markets.

The boll weevil, which is making its influence in every country where cotton is used, is a small greenish-grey bug only a quarter of an inch in length, and it has caused America a loss of £14,000,000. It is creeping Northward through the great cotton-belt of Texas at the rate of seventy-five miles a year. Within the next decade, the cotton boll weevil will probably cost the country many millions sterling a year, and the price of clothes and of all cotton manufactures throughout the world will go up.

The very name of the boll weevil strikes terror to the soul of the Southern cotton-planter. A man who returned to his home in Georgia from Texas with a specimen of the boll weevil in his possesion was threatened with tar and feathers. So far nothing has availed against the boll weevil. Burn it, beat it, soak it with poisonous spray, thresh it with revolving brushes, and it still creeps forward. All the science and wisdom of the United States Department of Agriculture has been of no avail to stop it. As a matter of fact the boll weevils can stand almost any sort of temperature or environment.

Mr. John Burns gives his opinions on some question of the day in the December "World's Work." Mr. Burns is certainly no pessimist as regards the British workman. When it was suggested that the workman was going down the hill Mr. Burns exclaimed, Rubbish! The British workman is still the best producing animal in the world—instinctively, traditionally and through generations of experience and hereditary transmission. What was said of the soldier in the late war—the men are splendid—can be said of the sober, industrious British workman. The talk of decadence of England has been grossly overdone. I do not believe in the deterioration of this country. On the contrary, of all countries in the world, few, if any, have their face toward the light more than Great Britain. What is wanted, in Mr. Burns opinion is not so much technical schools for workman—as, after all, a workshop is the best school of apprenticeship—as polytechnics for employers, foremen managers, and superintendents. They too often cling to old methods and are not so assimilative and adaptable as they ought to be.

One grave defect in English trade, Mr. Burns goes on to say has been the tremendous growth of snobbery among the sons of men who were proud to be the makers of something, however humble that something was:—the debilitating effects of society, with its silly standards of status of tone of honour, of false and vainglorious distinctions between living out of land or upon interest from bonds as compared with living out of honest commerce and clean industry, have infected too many of the younger generation; whilst following the vulgar vagaries of the smart set is a craze that every decent man and woman ought to avoid for it degrading influence on national and personal life. But Mr. Burns sees a reaction against all this. The speculator, the financier, the hucster the middleman the ornamental parasites that too often influence the world's affairs, have outlived their nursing day and the feeling is growing up that a direct producer is after all indispensable to our industrial greatness.

Concerning sport and drink, Mr. Burns spoke as he always speaks, wisely and well:—To golf horse-racing gambling, and betting, bothmasters and workmen have given time, money, and thought that might be given to worthier and better things . . . A nation that spends £180,000,000 a year on drink, £50,000,000 on betting and gambling, and £50,000,000 on preparation for war, ought not to disarrange a delicate fiscal system because it wants to help Colonies whose need for help is due to the fact that they have not as well off as they might have been had they adopted Free Trade and that they have suffered from a lick of the dog that has been biting the old country too long—intemperance, sport and extravagance. But much as the British workman drinks and bets and gambles signs are not wanting, Mr. Burns says that there is a very remarkable change for the better. So may it be!

Himalayan rhododendrons have found a congenial home amid the hills and valleys that run inland from the Southern Cornish coast and in the gardens of that exceptionally favoured locality all the best and rarest species we learn from the Garden may be met with growing freely in the open air. Here are to be seen giant bushes of that queen of rhododendrons R. Aucklandi now known as R. Griffithianum with pure white flowers five inches across as many as nine of these being sometimes carried on the same truss. The finest specimen is twelve feet in height and twenty-two feet in diameter and is a glorious sight when in full bloom. This is growing at Killiow near Truro.

Petrified forests are not uncommon throughout the world, but one in which the trees and logs have been turned into opal is distinctly unique. It occurs in Montana, and has been recently visited by Dr. Merrill, the curator of geology of the National Museum, Washington, who brought back with him a number of specimens. They consist of sections of logs and limbs of trees, in many of which the grain of the wood is discernible. The colours are white, blush, smoky, and black and are in every case translucent. The fact that the wood has been changed to opal is said to be apparent at the first glance, the colour and sheen of the opal being unmistakable.

The steamer Fingal, which trades in the Western Isles, recently encountered a bottle-nosed whale when on the voyage between the island of Coll and the port of Kilchoan, in Ardnamurchan. The man at the wheel saw the whale coming at full speed, but it never occurred to him that it would come near the steamer. He was quite sure that if it crossed the steamer's course it would do so either ahead or astern or that it would go below as soon as it observed the steamer in its path. To his surprise and consternation, however, the whale came right on and struck the steamer abaft the cabin door with tremendous force, making the vessel shiver from stern to stem. The passengers who came up hurriedly and some what panic-stricken, were reassured when they learned that the vessel was able to proceed. The whale was not seen after the collision. Very probably it was killed by the shock.

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The fairy tales of childhood have presented royal ladies to us in many shapes and guises. We have known a beautiful, a sleeping, a good, an ugly, and even a wicked princess, but who ever told of "The Princess who Turned the Mangle"? Once more, however, truth has been stranger than fiction, and Mr. Carlile, at the opening last week of the Church Army sale of work by the Duchess of Albany, related to his hearers and reminded the Royal Duchess herself how she on one occasion not long ago entered one of the Society's homes and, seeing some mangling waiting to be done, "worked hard at the mangle," as he phrased it. The Duchess, whose "sonsie" face was wreathed in smiles during the whole of Mr. Carlile's speech simply brimmed over with merriment at the mention of this episode, and when, shortly afterwards, the handsome bookcase which the poor fellows rescued nigth by night from sleeping out on the Thames Embankment had made for her was presented she seemed both gratified and touched. The members of the royal house of England constantly show sympathy with the struggling workers of over crowded London, but perhaps never before has a royal duchess thought of emulating Mr. Mantalini and "working hard at a mangle!"

It is not generally known that Mrs. Hertha Ayrton, the stepmother of Mr. Zangwill's bride, has another claim to distinction in addition to the three which have been so often mentioned lately, viz. that she is the only woman member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, is authoress of "The Electric Arc," and is supposed to be the original of Mirah in George Eliot's "Daniel Deronda." Her fourth claim to distinction is that she is the one woman in the world whose candidature to the fellowship of the Royal Society has ever been seriously considered. That most exclusive of exclusive bodies has never had a woman fellow though several notably-scientific women have read papers before it, and a bust of Mary Somerville occupies an honoured position in its rooms at Burlinton House. A little while ago, however, Mrs. Ayrton was nominated for fellowship, and so good were her chances of election considered that the council thought it advisable before receiving the nomination to get legal opinion as to whether the charter of the Society admitted of a woman fellow. The legal decison was against her election because—oh, the wondrous ways of Latin-worded charters—she was married. The particular Latin term used for fellows in the Society's charter (Sodales) might be taken to include unmarried, but not married woman. But to Mrs. Ayrton belongs the honour of having had the question tested.

Celebrities of all descriptions attended the Whistler sale at the Hotel Drouot, which consisted or some twenty-five pictures and sketches belonging to Whistler's model, Mme., Carmen. As I told you some time ago (writes my Paris correspondent), Mme Carmen had an art school in the Rue Notre Dame des Champs, where the great painter criticised and corrected twice a week to the emotion of the pupils. Indeed Mme. Carmen was a great favourite of Whistler's. With her he was singularly polite and amiable. No other art school proprietor was ever able to obtain his services, and his friendship for Mme. Carmen is again proved by the presents of pictures and sketches which she has just been obliged to dispose of. They fetched high prices. A Nocture of Venice, after some exciting bidding, realised 39,300 francs. That the purchasers were enthusiastic admirers of the late painter was shown by the fact that several rough and unfinished sketches (which Mme. Carmen had saved from destruction) were easily sold for £30, £40, and even £50. A very rough sketch of himself, by himself, was bought in for £120. The English dealers, by the way were represented, and I hear that Mr. William Marshant was one of the most eager buyers. Of course, admirers from the Latin Quarter were well to the fore; also there were strange æsthetes. The spectacle, in short was in every way a remarkable one.

While on art, let me turn to the greatest of living sculptors, who received many of the English M.P.s in his vast studio in the Rue de l'Universite. Rodin's studio—or rather studios, for he has two—were given him by the State, and it is not too much to say that they are the most spacious and most interesting studios in Paris. The simplest and kindliest of men is Rodin. Short, thick-set, with grey hair and a grey beard, he resembles Brahms. He takes the liveliest interest in budding sculptors—aids them with advice and in more practical ways. Then on Saturdays his studios are open to one and all. Anyone may call and be shown round by the famous host, and all the time Rodin explains his work, and chats amiably and gaily, and relates many a story against himself with infinite enjoyment. Which English sculptor or artist of equal fame would, I wonder, throw open his studio in this unconventional manner? The thing is characteristic, however, of the great Frenchman, Bouguereau, Dagnan Bonveret, Gerome, Detaille, all these famous painters are pleased to welcome the stranger. But Rodin is even more hospitable. Fame did not come until late, but the long spell of hardship (Rodin was a simple workman) never embittered him. As a matter of fact, he is one of the very happiest men in Paris.

The severe illness (or rather breakdown from old age) of Princesse Mathilde has caused infinite concern among all classes of Parisians, for the Princess, a cousin of Napoleon III., is in every way a remarkable woman. Her amiability—we might say, unconventionality—has won her the affection of the multitude, and in the world of art and letters she has ever been a brilliant hostess. In the days of the Empire and in the early days of the Third Republic the salon of Princesse Mathilde was the favourite meeting-place of the distinguished. There you met Flaubert, the De Goncourts, Guy de Maypassant, Zola, Daudet, and a host of other writers, as well as musicians, painters, and actors. The Princess loved to surround herself with clever people, while the clever people in their turn vowed that no hostess in Paris possessed her charm and tact and wit. With Flaubert she was a kind of confrere. Maupassant, at her particular request, used to send her proofs of his books, and received little notes that expressed boundless admiration. Upon these occasions she was more a grande dame of the eighteenth century than—the Princesse Mathilde. But Flaubert, Theophile Gantier, and their contemporaries passed away. The Princess, conscious that the peace of the country had now become necessary, spent most of her time in her chateau between the villages of Sannois and Enghien, but half-an-hour's train journey from her beloved Paris.

But even in her chateak the Princess contrived to surround herself with clever authors, and also journalists. Only last year, while staying at the little Moulin Rouge Hotel at Sannols, an intimate friend of the Princess's came over to invite all the journalists residing in the hotel to the chateau. (Sannois, by reason of its proximity to Paris, is a favourite resort of the busy journalist.) I, unfortunately, was unable to go, but I heard afterwards that the guests (whom the Princess then saw for the first time) had a splendid time of it. They entertained their hostess with the latest gossip of the town, while she related anecdotes of Flaubert, Gautier, and Maupassant. They were to have returned to the hotel, for dinner but the Princess insisted upon their dining at the chateau. It was two in the morning ere they reached the hotel with the cordial invitation to come again soon ringing in their ears. Next morning arrived the intimate friend to tell the journalists that their visit had done the Princess a world of good, and to remind them that they would always be welcome. And again and again the journalists might be heard to bid the proprietor not to prepare dinner for them, as they were dining chez la Princesse Mathilde.

Mr. George Alexander, like Mr. Lewis Waller, takes very keenly to the sport of golf, and his enthusiasm for it leads him in his spare hours to many an out-of-the-way village where the knack of marching with the times is not the inhabitants' strongest point. Once, in an almost unbelievably slow going district while the actor-manager of the little parish of St. James was exercising uncommonly good form in the game of slogging a ball out of sight and then going in search of it with assistance, two caddies were over heard, discussing Mr. George Alexander and his style. He is a playactor, I suppose you know that, said one. It don't matter to me if he is, said the other, In a way which proved him to be a defender of the weak and erring. Play-actor or no play-actor, the man's rar hitter, and I don't see that the other thing reallly matters. My mother is, give the devil his due!

Mr. Arthur Reberts, whose Ormesby St. Leger at the Prince of Wales's has given The School Girl a new term of life, has probably said more quaint things out of work than in it—or should it rather be said that the comedian has been funier without the assistance of the author than with? Mr. Roberts's self-made humour is of what is known as the fly order. There is an not tobe done tone in his flash-light replies to who has to be taken down, and there is now, and nobody like him for dealing promptly and effectually with the professional beggar. Passing through a more than ordinarily foreign part of London the other day, Mr. Arthur Roberts was accosted by a professional French cadger, who was anxious for assistance in the small matter of living in a country that didn't want him. Mr. Roberts recognised him as a beggar of long residence in London, but the tale told was the usual one of being stranded in a strange land with no money to get home with, and the teller fished out a greasy card from his waistcoat pocket to show that in France he was tradesman of no mean standing, and that any sum that might be advanced to him would be speedily returned when the borrower arrived among his prosperous surroundings. The comedian looked at the card, and reading at the bottom of it, let us say, 21 Rue de Tivoli 21, smiled at the imposter and said, Oh, dear no! I'm not giving my money away to a man who has been living both ends of the street!

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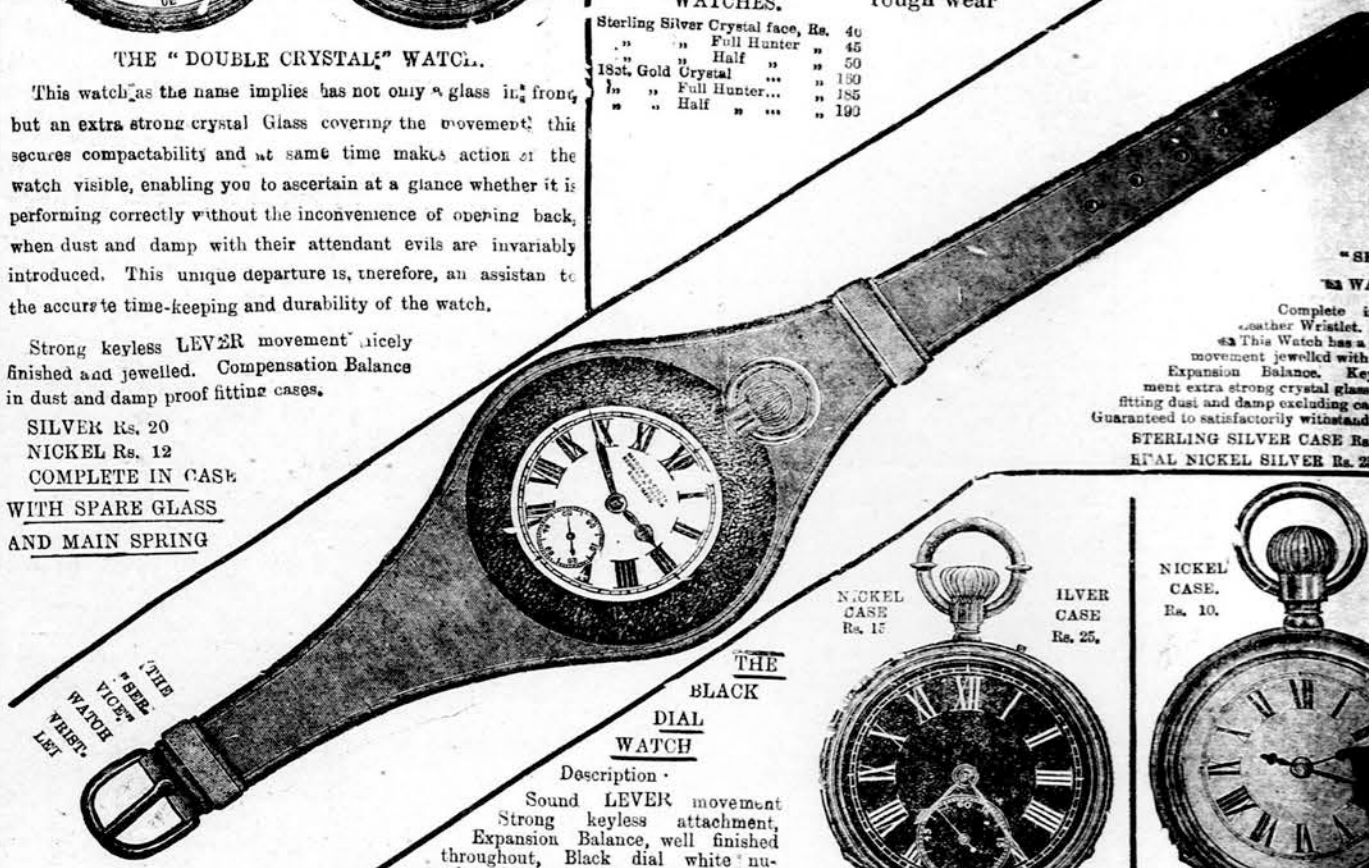

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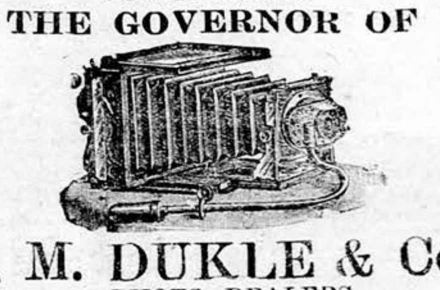

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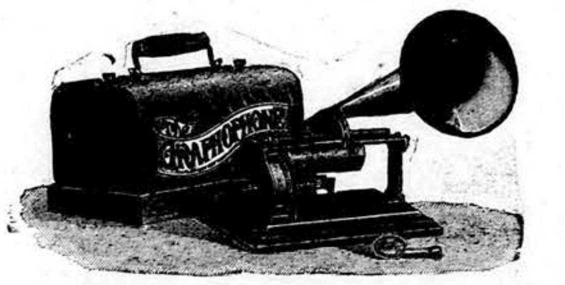

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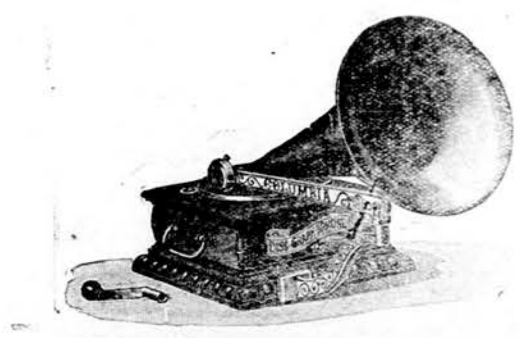

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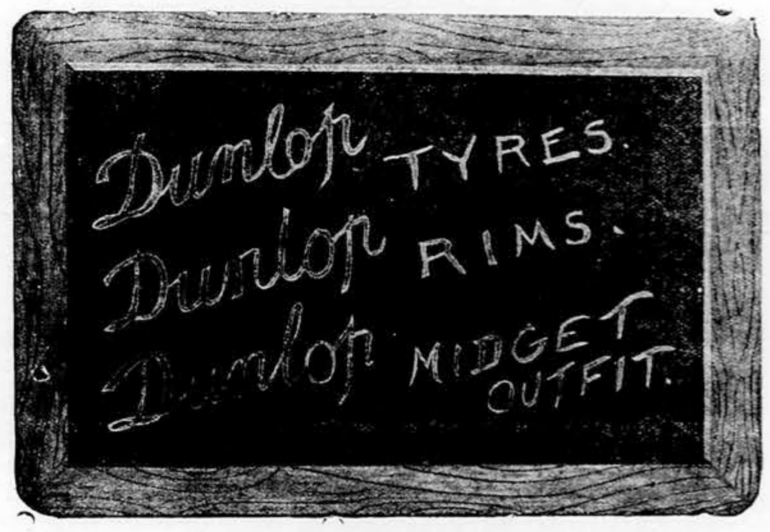

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